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Drive-through OK'd

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

City council member Mark Montemayor admits that it was "unusual" when he ended up voting against his own appeal last Wednesday night. But he said he was satisfied that new conditions imposed on a planned south-area McDonalds restaurant will adequately protect neighbors from the noise and glare of the restaurant and its drive-through lanes.

Montemayor had called the matter up for city council review after the West Sacramento Planning Commission approved the controversial drive-through lane permit.

"I know it's kind if unusual for somebody who brought an appeal to the council to make a motion to deny the appeal," he said later. "For me it had been very important to make sure this issue was heard before the council with a high degree of scrutiny, and to make sure any impacts to the Arlington Oaks (subdivision) neighbors were mitigated."

Montemayor said the council created two new conditions that would reduce the noise, headlight glare and other impacts of the project, which is located on the east side of Jefferson Boulevard near Lake Washington Boulevard.

"They now can't get a building permit until the city community development director certifies that there is enough landscaping to address the council's concern about noise and glare," he explained. "They need to provide bigger trees on the project. And the second major issue is that they can build, but the drive-through can't operate until the sound wall along Arlington Oaks is built. For me , the major concern on that was that people's backyards would have been invaded by headlights and noise without that wall."

The wall is planned for the west side – the residential side – of Jefferson to screen off nearby homes.

Montemayor called the McDonald's application "our first chance or test of commercial development along Jefferson Blvd. adjacent to a residential area."

Why had some citizens opposed the permit for the McDonald's complex, which included a convenience market, gas station and car wash?

"I think their expectation for that corner was for a more full-service restaurant like (the nearby) Club Pheasant, instead of a drive-through kind of restaurant," said Montemayor. "They're tired of getting the fourth McDonalds in West Sacramento."

The site was properly zoned for fast-food, he added, although the planned drive-through required a "conditional use permit" approved by the city.

Montemayor joined fellow council members Bill Kristoff and Carolyn Castillo Pierson in approving the drive-through lanes, with additional conditions. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and city councilman Oscar Villegas voted "no."

"I don't think there's adequate mitigation and I don't think it's an appropriate location for a double drive-through 100 feet away from residences," explained Villegas yesterday. "Its noise, its glare, its idling vehicles sit across the street from a residential neighborhood."

Isn't it the same situation for those who live next to the McDonalds on West Capitol Ave. at Westacre?

"That restaurant already had its permits in place," he said, speaking of the longstanding West Capitol McDonalds. The planned new one sets a precedent for new development near the planned Southport "town center near Linden Road and Jefferson, Villegas added.

"We're trying to establish the very first town center out there, and the first thing out of the gate is a double drive-through McDonalds to set the tone. I'm struggling with that."

Should zoning elsewhere be adjusted to prohibit this kind of use in other Southport residential areas, he was asked?

"I'm now looking at that – maybe the zoning isn't appropriate. We're now saying you can have a double drive-through restaurant in close proximity to restaurants."

Zero gravity



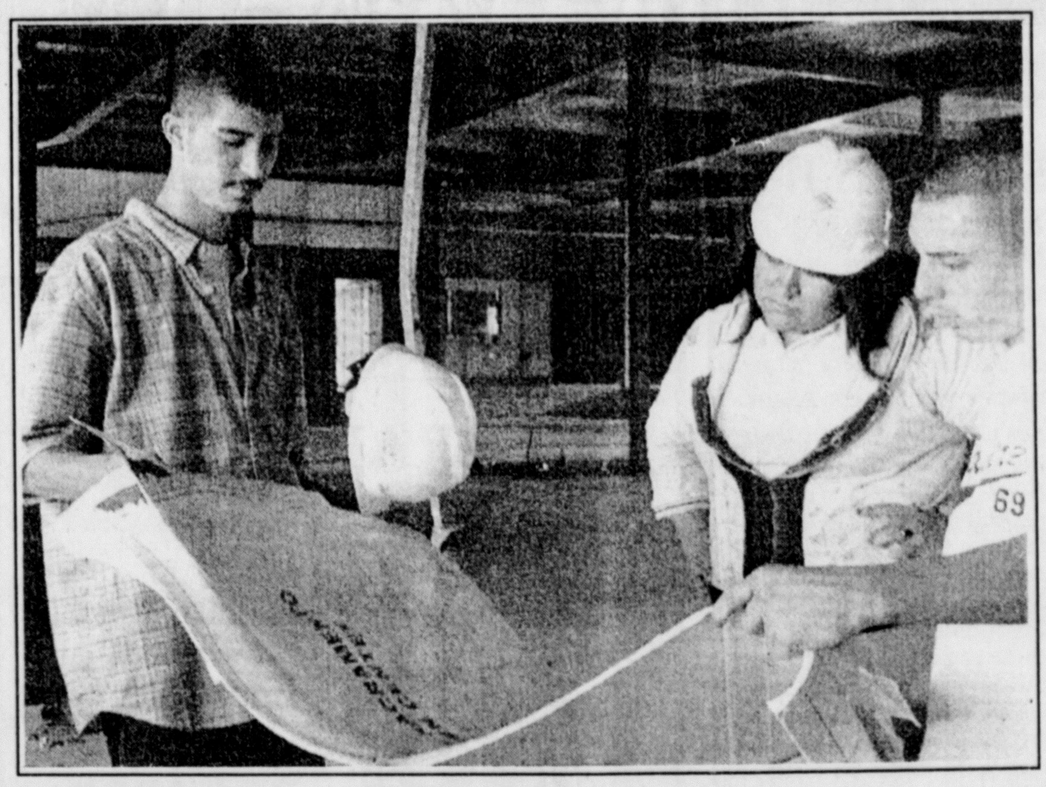
VERONICA RAMIREZ, a cheerleader on the junior varsity squad for River City High School, makes it look easy as she goes airborne during a game-time routine on Friday.

The j.v. football team did not prevail, but the varsity Raiders took the opportunity on Friday to get onto a winning track.

For detailed RCHS football results, see page three.

PHOTO BY BARRY BLACKLAW

Grand plans



Students from Yolo High School look over plans at the future home of the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Left to right are: John Billingsley, Monica Tovar, and Jesse Contreras.

After delays, construction has begun on the Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. Much work and materials are being donated by local builders and contractors, with Sundt Construction helping to oversee the project. The building is scheduled to open in the spring. (Courtesy photo)

Local rail line: new haz mat concern?

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Is the rail spur near Jefferson Blvd. used to store hazardous materials?

City council member worries that the answer is "yes," posing a danger to nearby residents, to a private school, and to the possible site of a future high school.

But the president and chief executive officer of the railway says he is prohibited by federal anti-terror laws from talking about what his company is pulling or parking on the tracks in West Sacramento.

"My concern is that this is a similar situation to what was occurring before on Stone Blvd.," said Montemayor, "where (Union Pacific was) storing ammonia cars and one of them even leaked. The rail people have to find a place to store a lot of cars. Here you have a rail spur that is not being used for through-transportation. It's a spur, and spurs can be used to store cars. If you have a situation where the rail line can store butane or ammonia along the corridor next to Our Lady of Grace School or the new high school, then they have that right."

Mike Hart, president and C.E.O. of Sierra Railroad, essentially agreed. His company recently bought Yolo Shortline Railroad, and part of the tracks he now operates ventures south towards Clarksburg from the Stone Lock area. The tracks run roughly parallel to Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento.

"There have been a number of laws passed recently that prohibit railroads from talking about the cargo they're carrying," said Hart. "There are certain materials you're not allowed to respond to."

He added that Sierra Northern, as the local line is now called, "is a common carrier."

"As a common carrier," said Hart, "we are required by law to carry cargo for customers, without discrimination (among cargoes). We are allowed by law to transport hazardous materials, and we do that."

Montemayor said eliminating this threat is one reason the city may wish to purchase the rail line.

The city council is now in negotiations for just such a thing.

Other problems that the purchase could solve, said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon last week, included making it easier to create new road crossings as West Sacramento develops, and enabling the city to create a corridor for recreation and perhaps light rail.

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Westmore Oaks: honored –

It's official:

West Sacramento's Westmore Oaks Elementary is one of 36 schools statewide to receive a national "Blue Ribbon School" award in commendation for rising test scores and other campus achievements.

The school is planning a public celebration of the honor with a "family barbecue" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the school. Principal Eileen Kleiser will receive the award on behalf of the school at a Washington, D.C., ceremony.

School board meets

The school board of the Washington Unified School District will meet in public session Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

Among the agenda items:

Acceptance of donations of musical instruments and cash to several elementary schools, recognition of "teacher of the year" nominee Dawn Imamoto; developer fee financial report; purchase of cameras for 16 buses; update on parent involvement task force; foreign language textbook adoption; board policies on dress, grooming, conduct and other items; and various personnel actions.

High school newspaper:

School is back in session. And with this issue, River City High School's journalism class is back in business, too.

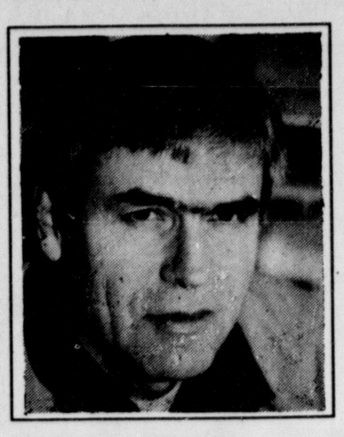
Inside today's News-Ledger, you'll find a four-page edition of the "The Review," the official high school newspaper.

It is written and produced entirely by the students and instructor (Ms. Allan) of the journalism class at RCHS.

The Review generally publishes once per month during the school year. It is printed by the News-Ledger as a public service.

The Emmy awards: why even watch these shows?

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Last Sunday night as I plopped down in my easy chair and began searching high and low for the television remote control, I was suddenly informed by my wife and daughter that I wouldn't be needing it on that particular evening.

"And just why is that?" I asked with interest, wondering how I could possibly hope to flip back and forth between all the different news and weekend cable sports wrap-up shows without my beloved TV clicker.

"Because the Emmy Awards are starting in a few minutes and we're going to be watching it for the next three or four hours," explained my daughter matter-of-factly.

"But I hate award shows!" I cried out.

"Too bad," said my daughter without even the slightest trace of pity, "because you're definitely going to be watching one tonight."

"But that bloody thing will go on all night long!" I exclaimed.

"The Emmy Awards don't go on any longer than one of those stupid baseball or football games you're always watching," my daughter assured me.

"The actual show is just three hours long," volunteered my wife, "but there's also an hour or so of red carpet interviews."

"We have to watch the red carpet interviews, too?" I asked with as much disappointment as I could possibly get into my voice.

"Stop your whining," said my wife. "You'll live through it."

And so I did, but just barely. And what really surprised me was how out-of-the-loop I have apparently become when it comes to knowing what is on network television nowadays. For instance, when they announced that NBC's "The West Wing" had just won an unprecedented fourth Emmy for best drama, it dawned on me that I had never watched a single episode of that show. And the same was true for "The Sopranos", "Sex and the City", "The Amazing Race", and any number of other programs that won awards.

"Television was definitely better in the good old days," I said to my wife and daughter during one of the endless commercials.

"How so?" asked my daughter.

"Well, back when I was young there were only three or four channels to choose from and people didn't watch so much television -- maybe just an hour or so each night. Everyone had a favorite program or two, like "Gunsmoke" or "I Love Lucy" or "The Fugitive" or "The Jackie Gleason Show", but once they were over, the television got turned off and people went back to their real lives. But nowadays, you don't even have to have a real life -- you can just turn on one of those god-awful 'reality shows' and live your life through someone else."

My harangue about all the evils of modern day television soon began to fall on deaf ears as the commercial finally came to an end and some of the awards for the best comedy actors and shows began to be announced. At least I had seen some of those people and programs, including "Everybody Loves Raymond," which won the best Comedy Series Emmy; Tony Shalhoub of "Monk", who won Best Actor in a Comedy Series; and Debra Messing of "Will & Grace", who won Best Actress in a Comedy Series. I was also pleased to see that "Door to Door", a made-for-TV-movie that I was lucky enough to stumble across while channel surfing a few months ago with William H. Macy in the starring role, received quite a few well-deserved Emmy Awards.

But with the exception of some very original humor from Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show", the Emmy Awards really wasn't all that funny or interesting this year, something which I finally decided to bring to the attention of my wife and daughter just before the seemingly endless show finally wrapped itself up.

"I think you are watching the Emmy Awards for all the wrong reasons," said my daughter.

"What do you mean?" I asked her with interest.

"Well," explained my daughter, "you don't watch the Emmy show to see what the stars say in the interviews or who wins all the awards."

"Then why in the world do you watch it?" I asked.

"You watch award shows to see what everyone is wearing," interjected my wife as my daughter smiled and nodded in agreement.

So, as things turned out, I had apparently spent approximately four hours in more or less total ignorance of what was really going on in front of my eyes. According to my wife and daughter, what I should have been paying attention to was such things as Sarah Jessica Parker's puffy, cotton candy-like Chanel dress, Kim Cattrall's leather and beaded gown by Giorgio Armani, Debra Messing in her stunning pink copper silk brocade dress by Elie Saab Couture, and of course all the other strapless and colorful gowns (not to mention the millions of dollars of dangling earrings and other expensive accessories) that were on display.

"So, then you don't really care who wins these stupid awards one way or the other?" I asked my daughter.

"Well," she said after giving it some serious thought, "I do kinda wish Jennifer Aniston of 'Friends' would have won something."

"Why?"

"Because she looked soooo cute tonight!"

Obituary

Margaret Moore

Margaret Moore passed away at home in West Sacramento at the age of 65 on September 22, 2003. She was the beloved wife of the late Harold Moore; the dear mother of Steve and Dennis Moore; the loving sister of Sylvia Davis; and the devoted grandmother of Joseph and Stacy, and great grandmother of Brianna and Alex. She was a native of Montana and a 51-year resident of West Sacramento.

Friends are invited to attend Graveside Services on September 26, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in the Davis Cemetery District, 820 Pole Line Road in Davis, California. Memorials preferred to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

Mary Visentin

Mary Visentin passed away in Peoria, Arizona, on September 17, 2003. She was the beloved mother of James (Lydia) Derr, William (Sylvia) Visentin, and Elizabeth Harlow; the loving mother of Robert (Bertha) Visentin; and is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, pioneer residents of California, Ellis Harlow and Elizabeth Marty Harlow, daughter, Theresa Stautzenberger, sister, Josephine Jason, brothers, Ellis Harlow, Jr., and Raymond Harlow, and grandchildren, Mark and Maryann Visentin. She was also preceded in death by husbands, Cecil A. Derr and Ernest Visentin.

Mary was a longtime resident of the Washington Township of Broderick, California. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on September 18, 2003 in Our Lady of Grace Church. Recitation of the Rosary was held at the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Julio Cesar Mercado

Julio Mercado was born on April 18, 1968, in El Cajon, California, and died on September 9, 2003, in West Sacramento. He was a heating and air technician by trade and left no known relatives. He was buried in Woodland Cemetery.

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One former cargo customer of the rail line is the defunct Delta Sugar plant in Clarksburg.

The plant's new owners, Carvalho-Stanich Properties, is planning a residential, commercial and industrial redevelopment of the 106-acre property that includes a core of working "micro-wineries." The new boutique wineries could enable Clarksburg grape growers to keep their crop in town, said a company spokeswoman. And tourism – including by rail – could be attracted to the "wine plaza."

The company is watching the negotiations between Sierra Railroad and West Sacramento.

"We are definitely interested in keeping that line open and we're watching what West Sacramento wants to do," said spokesperson Maureen Grijalva. "Knowing Sierra Northern's experience with tourism, bringing that experience into Yolo County would be a huge plus. That line could bring people down from Woodland or West Sacramento to the winery plaza."

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The rest of the story...

James and Kim ask:

'We sold our home, and are moving the equity over to a bigger house. We only plan on being in this house for 3-4 years. What types of loans are available?

This question helps a lot of people. Most families stay in their home for 5-8 years before moving on.

At least 11 different loans that come to mind, but probably the best loans are what are the "Potential for Negative Amortization", and/or a fixed rate loan.

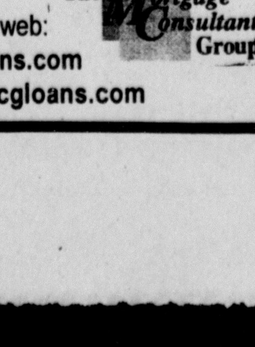
"Potential for Negative Amortization"

This type of loan has an incredible "teaser" rate, sometimes as low as 2%. Each month you may make your payment based on that 2% rate, though this is not the true interest rate. The true rate would be around 5.5%, called the fully indexed rate. You may choose to make this an adjustable rate.

Potential Negative Amortization is when you are "rotationally" adding money to your principle loan amount. If you are paying the "teaser" rate, the bank is expecting the fully indexed rate, so .the difference in payment gets added to the principle loan amount making this loan "now" a full blown negative amortization. Since your payment is low, i.e. $200,000 loan, 2% interest rate, payment would be $739.23, compared to a normal 30 year fixed at 6%, or $1199.10, so you are not reducing your principle loan amount, which reduces your equity when you sell.

The plus is that your payment is reduced by $459.88 a month. Disclaimer: I have oversimplified. Call me.

The second recommended loan is a True 15-year fixed rate loan. Contrary to some beliefs, the 15 year payment doesn't double your payment; only adds about 20-25% to a 30 year payment, and the rewards are plenty. For example: on a regular 30-year loan at 6%, $200,000 loan amount, your payment would be $1199.00 PI. At the end of 3 years your principle loan amount would be $192,168.00. Same loan amount with a 5.5% interest rate at 15 years: your payment would be $1634.00 PI. At the end of 3 years your principle loan amount would be $172,986.00. You can see the difference, a $7832.00 equity position compared to a $27,014.00 difference. Call and we'll match you to a loan.



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ROYALTY: How many kings of Scotland were named Malcolm?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Into what body of water does the Illinois River flow?
3. HISTORY: Valerian was once a rule of what empire?
4. LITERATURE: Who created the character of Tarzan?
5. PRESIDENTS: In what state's Legislature did Abraham Lincoln serve before he became president?
6. PHILOSOPHY: Who published "The Social Contract" in 1762?
7. MILITARY: What is the name of the decoration given to U.S. soldiers wounded in the line of duty?
8. MATH: Who invented logarithms?
9. FILM: In what year was the movie "Forrest Gump" released?
10. MEDICINE: Gastritis is an inflammation of which part of the body?

Answers

1. Four
2. Mississippi River
3. Roman
4. Edgar Rice Burroughs
5. Illinois
6. Jean Jacques Rousseau
7. Purple Heart
8. John Napier
9. 1994
10. Stomach

See everything. Overlook a great deal, improve a little.
—Pope John XXIII

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SPORTS

Raider varsity trounces Livingston

By Troy Turner

The River City Raiders won their first game of the season by beating the Livingston Wolves 35-0 last Friday night at home. The Raiders put on a clinic as several players showcased their skills. In the first quarter, Ricky Bandu scored from the one-yard line, capping off a 75-yard drive, and with 2:21 left in the half, quarterback Aaron Garner and receiver Clayton Jones hooked up for a 44-yard touchdown pass. Malakai Mumui caught a Garner pass for the two-point conversion to make the score 14-0 at the half.

As the third quarter began, Michael DeMars recovered a Livingston fumbled putting the Raiders in great field position. Several plays later Aaron Garner scored on a 27-yard keeper and Kevin Cheechov kicked the extra point, increasing the Raider lead to 21-0. With 4:52 left in the quarter, Ricky Bandu ran the ball into the end zone from four yards out, Cheechov once again converted the extra point, and the rout was on. In the fourth quarter, Jeff Hope found the end zone from five yards out, the extra point was good, and the final score of the game was 35-0.

The junior varsity squad was not so lucky. After winning big last week against Calavares, the team had several turnovers and mental mistakes and lost 28-8. The bright spot was a 25-yard touchdown pass from Tim Avalos to Darin Bandu.

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams now have a record of 1-1. On September 26th, the Raiders will play host to the Natomas Nighthawks. The junior varsity game begins at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity will play the nightcap game beginning a t 7:30 p.m.



Wolfpack

In the River City junior varsity game, quarterback JORDAN COGGINS (left) carries the ball against Livingston. The RCHS jayvees lost the home match 28-8.

PHOTO BY BARRY BLACKLAW

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Major League Baseball

The Giants (96-59) clinched the West Division last week and A's magic number is two as both teams head into the final week of the regular season. Both new managers are preparing their strategy this week to either rest players or go for best season record as possible.

The Giants trail the Braves (97-60) by one game for the home field advantage and A's (94-63) will probably win the West and play the Minnesota Twins (87-69) the leader in the Central Division. The Twinkies put together a 9 game winning streak to lead the White Sox and Royals by 5 games. The New York (97-59) have the best American League record and will play either Boston or Seattle which ever team can hold on to win the wild card spot.

The most exciting divisional race is in the NL Central between the Cubs and Astros. The fans in Chicago are in love with Dusty Baker and the Cubbies. Dusty has his Cubbies tied for the Central Division with the Astros but the Marlins and Phillies are one game ahead of both Chicago and Houston in the wild card race.

NFL News

The 49ers (1-2) dominated the Cleveland Browns last Sunday for three-quarters only to lose in the last seconds 13-12 before a sold-out crowd of 67,412. The Browns were held to only 119 total yards in the first 3 quarters as the defense continued their blitzing schemes only to abandon the strategy in the fourth quarter. The Niners played that old mentality game of prevent defense and allowed Browns quarterback, Kelly Holcomb, to march a 17 play drive from his own 10 yard line into the 49ers end zone for a game winning touchdown. The Browns (1-2) used two long drives in the fourth quarter and 11 minutes to wear down the 49ers defense and take home their first win of the season.

The Browns defense did a great job of holding the 49ers to four field goals and no touchdowns. The last time the 49ers offensive was held without a TD was in 1999 in a 20-3 loss to the Packers. The 49ers starting offensive line will be returning next week and should provide Garcia with better pass protection. The bright news for the Niners was their new kicker Owen Pochman and his four field goals.

The 49ers will travel to Minnesota (3-0) next Sunday (10 a.m.) to face the banged up Vikings. The Vikings star quarterback Dante Culpepper and All-Pro wide receiver Randy Moss are both listed as questionable.

The Oakland Raiders (1-2) could easily be 0-3 after another horrible offensive performance from the AFC champions in Denver. The Broncos had the Raiders down 31-0 until the Silver and Black decided to score a few points to close the gap to a final 31-10

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Sports QUIZ
by Chris Richcreek

1. Who held the record for most walks in a World Series before Barry Bonds broke it with 13 in 2002?
2. How many seasons into his major-league career was Boston's Ted Williams when he hit .406 in 1941?
3. When was the last time before 2002 that the San Francisco 49ers won the NFC West?
4. Who is the all-time leading scorer for men's basketball at the University of Arkansas?
5. True or false: Edmonton goalie Bill Ranford had more playoff victories (16) during the Oilers' championship run in 1990 than he did in the playoffs for the rest of his career?
6. Among U.S. athletes, who has won the most overall medals in Winter Olympics history?
7. When Ernie Els set a pro record earlier in 2003 by finishing a tournament 31 under par, whose mark did he break?

Answers on back page

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Sept. 29, 1758,** Horatio Nelson, Britain's most celebrated naval hero, is born in Burnham Thorpe, England. In the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars, he won a series of crucial victories and saved England from possible invasion by France.

• On **Sept. 30, 1938,** British and French prime ministers Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier sign the Munich Pact with Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. The agreement averted the outbreak of war but gave Czechoslovakia away to German conquest.

• On **Oct. 1, 1958,** "Kraft Television Theater" goes off the air. Kraft had discovered the value of entertainment sponsorship back in 1933, when it launched the radio program "Kraft Music Hall" specifically to introduce Miracle Whip. Jack Lemmon, James Dean and Paul Newman were among its stars.

• On **Oct. 2, 1967,** Chief Justice Earl Warren swears in Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. As chief counsel for the NAACP, Marshall was the architect and executor of the legal strategy that ended the era of official racial segregation.

• On **Oct. 5, 1969,** in an embarrassing breach of the United States' air-defense capability, a Cuban defector enters U.S. air space undetected.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUL 28, 2003
File No. 2003-693

The following person is doing business as Max's Chevy's Fords & More, 317 W. Main St.:

Rosalinda Alicia Rojoas Saites, 4801 Stockton Blvd., 95820.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/28/03.

/s/Rosalinda Alicia Rojoas Saites

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by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

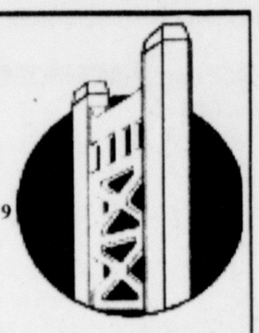
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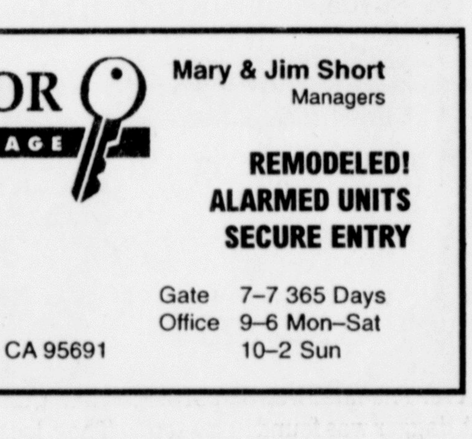
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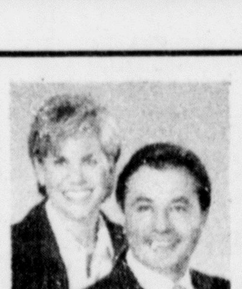
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 11 2003
File No. 2003-828

The following person is doing business as Stanich Investments, 35265 Willow Ave., Clarksburg CA 95612, PO Box 488:

Vincent F. Stanich, Jr., 8850 Burnt Spur Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9-11-2003

/s/Vincent F. Stanich, Jr.

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Sep 11, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 8, 2003
File No. 2003-814

The following person is doing business as Kalifornia, 225 G St., Davis CA 95616:

Seth Sternin, 628 Tenaya Ave., Sacramento CA 95833.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/03.

/s/Seth Sternin

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County of Yol
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Sep 8, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed SEP 2, 2003
File No. 2003-800

The following person is doing business as WordUp Editorial Services, 655 Hunt Wy, Davis CA 95616.

Jessica Kelly and Douglas Kelly, same address.

This business is conducted by a Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/27/03.

/s/Jessica & Douglas Kelly

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: SEP 2, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Pt03-1606

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Karen Michelle Anderson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Karen Michelle Anderson.

Proposed name: Angelica Catherine Beach.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Oct. 16, 2003, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 7, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News Ledger.

Date: 8/29/03

/s/Thomas E. Warriner
Judge of the Superior Court

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Good Housekeeping

Tip: Herbs

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, October 2, 2003**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

2003-2004 Annual Striping Contract

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The project involves removal of existing and replacement of new roadway traffic stripes, pavement markings and pavement markers as indicated on the striping schedules and as directed by the Engineer throughout the City.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **sixty (60) working days** from the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Striping schedules and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the Contract Documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractor's license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must posses a current Class "A" General Engineering or a Class "C-32" Parking and Highway Improvement Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

Date: 9/11/2003
By: /s/ Stephen M. Patek, Director of Community Development

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We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly.
—Voltaire

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Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridles the tongue.
—George Horne

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First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. 10:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	Call 371-8030 to find out how your church can reach local people through this advertising space.	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *'The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

LETTERS from page 7

This whole recall thing is doing just that as Governor Gray Davis could receive 49% of votes cast ("no" on recall) and someone else could unseat him with even 10% of votes cast on the second part of the ballot.

If this recall succeeds, watch for a repeat of this political opportunism until the law is changed, thanks to Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), with his $2 million financing of the recall, in hopes he could breeze into Davis' office. But since Governor Davis has done nothing illegal, I'm voting "no" on the recall and for Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante (in case the recall succeeds). Otherwise, why have a lieutenant governor?

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Communication needed

Regarding the "Washington Community Group" and its ongoing trials and tribulations over the ultimate fate of our "Old Firehouse" located at Lisbon and Yolo streets. I sent an advance courtesy copy of my letter to the editor, published here on September 17th, to the various interested governmental and business parties, in part to gauge the amount of attention anyone was paying to the situation, and, also, out of a sense of fairness. Don Schatzel, to his credit, called me in his capacity as Director of Parks & Community Services to discuss the bones on contention brought up in that letter. We discussed his interpretations of the concepts of timely scope and area of notification for the (new to us) W.C.G.. His first contention was that he had said 300 yards - not feet - in our meeting of September 9th at the old firehouse. I allowed that I may have misheard him (although I have private reservations that he may have misspoken) and then he said that they would extend the area of notification to 500 yards around said building, and also that the meeting would go for "90 to 120".

I thanked him for calling to try and clear up any misconceptions we may have had but noted that something related had come up regarding notification. To wit: Since meetings of this heretofore unknown (to us) group are being held in various different locations every month, and, since items on the agenda may be of concern to many more residents than the limited area now contacted, I suggested that the entire Washington Community Group be notified in a clear and timely manner of all such meetings. After I pointed out that there may be a "project" contemplated in another area of our community that could negatively affect a parents decision as to whether or not to allow their children to visit one of their friends who may live where, for example, a new drug treatment center was being contemplated as was the case here about four years ago, he said that was a good idea and that they would try and do that in the future. I want to see that "cast in stone", so to speak (by the city council), and become citywide policy.

After all, we all don't have a Q.U.A.D. to look after and protect us with their vision of what's good for us. Hopefully, us independent minded folks on this side of the canal can, given clear and timely information, decide for ourselves what we will and will not accept from our representatives in government.

Never did hear from anyone else.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

Police log

Sept. 15, 5 p.m.

A Sacramento Ave. meat retailer said he had removed $15,000 from the store safe to make a deposit when a customer distracted him and the money was stolen. He did not believe the loss would be covered by insurance.

Sept. 15, 1:10 p.m.

A kidnapping was reported. The victim owed the suspects money.

Sept. 17, 6:12

Numerous callers told police that a man was walking down the street near Hobson and Todhunter saying "I am going to kill them." Police found the man but found no knife. The man threatened officers and appeared unstable. A Taser gun was used to subdue.

Sept. 17, 2:50 p.m.

A 15-year old reported that a neighbor had tried to rape her. She was hospitalized on a mental commitment.

Sept. 17, 2:52 p.m.

A counterfeit $20 bill was passed at a C St. restaurant.

Sept. 17, 11:35 p.m.

On West Capitol Ave., a suspect ran out the door of a convenience market with two 12-packs of beer. An employee knocked one of the 12-packs free. The suspect then grabbed a can of beer and hit the employee in the head with it, fleeing with the other 12-pack.

Sept. 18, 8:10 p.m.

An Evergreen woman was arrested for attempting to stab her husband with a knife.

Sept. 19, 2:52 a.m.

An officer contacted a 35-year old Sacramento man who was biking on West Capitol Ave. The man was on parole. A dagger was found in his tote bag. The man was arrested.

Sept. 19, 3:06 p.m.

An officer responded to a fight reported at the high school. The officer disbursed a crowd of about 200 students and found the victim. The suspects had fled. The officer was driving the victim home, when she pointed out the suspect along the road. The officer confronted the suspect, and the suspect's sister pushed the officer. The officer used pepper spray to take them into custody. Witnesses on the scene reported a group of other students beginning to surround the officer. The officer called for backup, and disbursed the crowd. Two suspects were booked into juvenile hall.

Sept. 19, 7 a.m.

On South River Rd., police responded to the report of a subject on the riverbank, partially in the water. They found a male subject who had tried to kill himself by taking sleeping pills and entering the water. The man was hospitalized.

Sept. 20, 9:20 a.m.

An officer contacted a man sleeping in a car on Touchstone Pl. The car was near another car that had been burglarized through a window that was broken. There was broken glass in the suspect's car but nothing else to connect him to the burglary. The man had outstanding warrants, and was arrested.

Sept. 20, 1 p.m.

On Pierce St., someone broke into a garage and took stereo components. Police reported several night-time burglaries in this area recently.

Sept. 20, 10:40 p.m.

Near Northport and Commerce, police received a report that gunshots were heard. They located a man and arrested him for discharging a .22 caliber handgun. About five shots had been fired into the ground.

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Roof of the Fire Department Facility, Station 43-1561 Harbor Blvd.

The proposed work consists of:

Description of Work: Roof repairs, roof replacement and skylights in existing 4,900 square foot facility. Removal of existing tar and gravel roof. Installation of four new skylights and one new Solatube.

Work shall include, but not be limited to, removal and disposal of existing roofing, install a new parapet cap system, repair of existing roof sheathing, installation of new roofing, and accessory penetrations, ventilation, gutters, downspouts and scuppers. Include all flashing and sheet metal work. Work shall achieve complete weatherproof roofing assemblies.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **thirty (30), calendar days** upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed .

Obtaining Documents Contract: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California. A copy of the contract documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $10.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $15.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The proposal shall be made on the bidding schedule bound herein and the pages shall not be removed from the bound volume. The complete volume shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of West Sacramento at the address above, and designated as a bid bearing the name of the bidder and name of project. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents. Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractor's license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any moneys which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must posses a current **Class C-C 39 Roofing Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price.

Job Site Inspection: A job site tour (bid walk), will be conducted to acquaint Contractors with the sites and location of the proposed work. The bid walk will be held **September 19, 2003, Friday**. All interested Contractors shall meet at The Fire Department, Station 43, 1561 Harbor Blvd., City of West Sacramento, California at 9:30 a.m. on the date of the tour.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Liquidated Damages: The liquidated damage to be paid by the Contractor to the City for each calendar day's delay in completion of the work beyond the Contract time shall be in the amount of four hundred dollars ($400) per day.

By submission of a bid by the Contractor to the City to perform the work, the Contractor declares that he has considered the amount of said liquidated damages and that he has determined that the amount of such liquidated damages is fair and reasonable.

Date: 9/11/2003
By: /s/Stephen Patek, Director of Community Development
Sep 17 & 24



(Photo by Rusty Mendez)

Congratulations go to Bill Virgen, longtime West Sacramento resident, who recently brought home the California State Horseshoe Pitchers Association first place trophy with an average of 24.7 this month. His sponsors were Dr. Ron J. Rudometkin of 51st Street Chiropractic and West Sacramento's Local #1762 Moose Lodge. The tournament was held in Davis.

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score. Rich Gannon favorite receiver Charlie Garner was covered like a blanket and the frustrated Gannon couldn't move the team down field. Gannon didn't complete his one and only pass to Tim Brown until the fourth quarter. Gannon's favorite receiver Charlie Garner was held to one catch for minus 2 yards and only 9 yards rushing on 4 carries.

I mentioned in few past columns that the rest of the league has caught up to the Raiders' play calling and that Gannon needs to air out the ball deep down field to Rice and Brown.

The Raiders are at home this Sunday (1 p.m.) against the 0-3 San Diego Chargers (+8). The loser will own last place in the AFC West. The game will probably be a Silver and Blackout again!

I apologize to my readers but my column last week was lost in email Cyberspace so you didn't get to read my column or witness my weekly NFL picks. Well, that was the good news because I missed 3 out 4 including Monday night when I took the Raiders and 5 points. I missed the Raiders game by three touchdowns!

Well, week 4 doesn't look any easier, but I think the 49ers (+3) will bounce back against the Vikings and the rested Eagles (+3) will fly high in Buffalo and Jets (-3) will get into the win column against the Cowboys in New York. On Monday night I'll take Da Bears (+5) at home against Green Bay.

See ya next week.

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Updates and Briefs

I.S.S. Change

The In-School-Suspension room has been changed from room 11 to room 28. The administration changed the room over the summer because room 11 lacked bathroom facilities. Room 28 does have a bathroom for student use. I.S.S is a suspension area that teachers use primarily as a discipline tool for disrutive students.

By Jessica Colgan
Staff Writer

Department news

Vocational Education: VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is a new club in this department. The club will begin in October.
English: Ms. Woods is the new yearbook advisor.
Administration: Mr. Pearman is the new Dean of Students.

There is going to be a schoolwide celebration for the projected ninety-five point test score improvement when the state releases the official results. The celebration will be a minimum day.

By Matt Richardson
News Co-Editor

College applications

College applications for four-year colleges and universities will be available for seniors at Senior Parent Night on October 8th at 6:30p.m. Counselors advise seniors to pick up an application as soon as possible. Students must complete and turn in the applications between November 1st through the 30th.

By Chelsea Mudgett
Staff Writer

Tutoring help

Once again, R.C is offering after-school math tutoring to all students, in room 204 with Ms. Dreeszen.

"Tutorville" is a new tutoring program for special education students, of all grades in room 17.

Yet another type of tutoring is in room 37,which is for students who are new to the country and are seeking help with any of their subjects.This year however, there will be no after-school tutoring in the library.

All tutoring is available Monday through Thursday, during 7th period and after school, until 4:15pm.

By Sarah Smith
Staff Writer

CAHSEE postponed

Last July, the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), the state's high school graduation requirement, was postponed until 2006. Freshmen and sophomores will be taking a refined version of the test for the first time in February and will get five more chances to pass it. Seniors and juniors who haven't passed CAHSEE will need to pass River City's own math and English proficiency exams. Proficiencies will be offered four times this year, once at the end of each quarter.

By Ellen Spitsyn
Staff Writer

API scores soar

Administration plans party to celebrate

By Sarah Cozad
Staff Writer

The students of River City High School raised their 2003 API scores by a projected 95 points, with the class of 2006 raising their scores the most.

"This year's API scores were a huge improvement from last year's scores. However, I don't know how we compare to other schools in the district because the scores we have are projected meaning they aren't official scores," Ms. Broxton said the vice principal in charge of administering the exams.

The class that increased their projected scores the most was the class of 2006. In 2003, 28% of the current sophomore class scored at the proficient or high level in English and Language Arts, a 3% improvement from 2002. Also, 66% of the class scored at the basic level or higher in English, a 9% increase. Not only did the sophomore class increase their English scores, but they also increased their writing scores from a score of 54% to 56%. In addition to English and writing, the class of 2006 raised their mathematics scores as well. On average, almost three-fourths of the students tested passed the math portion at a basic level or higher.

"I think it's great the sophomore class did so well on their test scores," said sophomore Jennifer Corrales.

This year prizes were offered to those who improved their scores the most. "We're still waiting for official word but we're planning on having a schoolwide party on the football field with lots of food and a D.J.. We're also talking to sophomore leadership about surveying the sophomore class on what they would like as their reward for the greatest increase," Ms. Broxton said. The possible prizes may include an off campus trip or a pizza party.

Sophomores weren't the only class who improved their scores. Although the class of 2005 didn't show as dramatic an improvement as the class of 2006, their scores still illustrated improvement in English. On average, 62% of students tested scored at a basic level or higher in English, a 9% increase from 2002. Even though the writing scores decreased 1%, more than half of the current junior class passed the writing portion of the test. On the other hand, most of the junior's math scores stayed the same or decreased slightly.

The seniors also improved their scores. In 2003, 54% of seniors scored at a basic or higher level, compared to only 51% in 2002. However, senior math scores dropped significantly in 2003. Last year, an average of 84% of students scored basic or high on math, while this year only 71% scored basic or higher.

By comparison, the freshman class of 2007 showed the greatest increase in math scores. Their 2002 scores showed 32% of students scored basic or higher, and only 8% scored proficient or higher. Fortunately, their 2003 scores showed a large improvement, with 55% scoring basic or higher, and 25% of those scoring proficiently. However, even though their math scores showed great improvement, both their English and writing scores proved otherwise. In 2002, 57% of students scored basic or higher in English, but in 2003 only 55% scored basic or higher.

"I think the scores improved so much (overall) because students were more aware of the importance of the tests and the class competition also helped. In addition, we had the academic rally which also helped." said Broxton.

Each year students across the nation take standardized achievement tests. However, when the API scores are first released, the scores are a rough approximation. In the past API scores have been accumulated from the SAT 9 test, but the 2003 scores included the CAT 6 scores for the first time. According to Julie Hawskins at the WUSD office, "The API projected scores for 2003 were 571. However, they might be a bit lower than projected because of changes made in the calculation of scores."

Raider Pride Night

Emotional dedication of new building highlights the annual event

By Ellen Spitsyn and Jessica Colgan
Staff Writers

On the evening of September 10th 2003, approximately 1,000 students, parents and staff of River City high school came to support their school during the third annual River City Pride Night in celebration of a new year and for a dedication ceremony for Mr. José Antonio Rodriguez.

The highlight of this year's Pride Night was the ceremony to honor Mr. Rodriguez, a teacher, coach, administrator, and leader here on our campus. "He touched many lives and made a long-lasting impact and impression on those who were so lucky to be in his class, coached by him, or worked directly with him" said Mr. Geivett, R.C.'s principal, in his speech.

The new two-story educational building that became a welcome addition to R.C. last year was dedicated in his name. Mr. Rodriguez died of cancer in October of 2000 after working with the Washington Unified School District for over 23 years. Mr. Rodriguez's wife Charlene, was presented with a plaque. "Nothing has changed in terms of my feelings," said Mrs. Rodriguez during the ceremony.

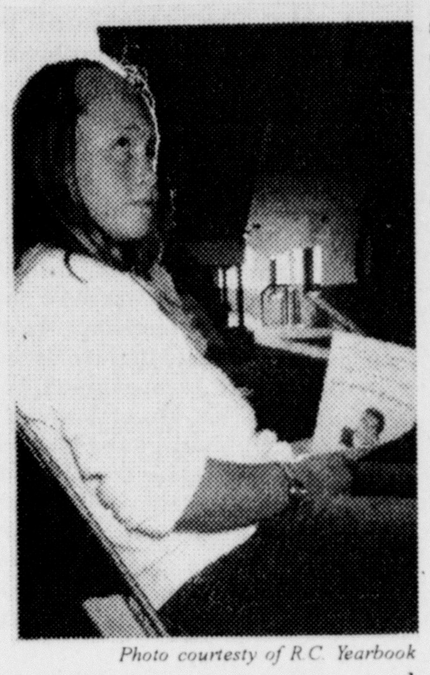


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Anjelica Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. Rodriguez, listens at the dedication ceremony while holding a flyer for the program.

Afterwards, the quad was filled with activities. There were booths involving many different clubs and sports. Mr. Duff's drama class performed skits, Ms. Costanza showed a video of her students doing taebo, and parents were able to talk to the staff and teachers. Free food was a major attraction of the night. There were hot dogs, chips, and drinks being given out all night. Ice cream was served in the quad, and the French Club gave out samples of different cheeses.

"I talked to thirty families," said Mr. Shriver, a social science teacher. "That's twenty more than previous years."

Now in its third year, Pride Night continues to get a large turnout as the school enrollment continues to expand. River City has gained over three hundred students this year alone.

In an unusual end to the evening, children and adults alike headed home with gallons of complimentary Caramel Praline Crunch ice cream. The ice cream was mislabeled and donated by Raley's. Overall, River City High School's Raider Pride Night was a huge success. As sophomore Ben Webb put it, "It was pure Raider Pride."

River City gets a face-lift

Modernization finally complete, plus summer changes

By Daniel Wilson and Matt Richardson
Editor-In-Chief and News Co-Editor

At the end of last year students left an unfinished school. River City went through many physical and academic changes over the summer, including the addition of a new schedule and the completion of modernization.

According to Mr. Geivett, three trees were torn out because the roots were too big and were sticking out of the ground, which caused a safety hazard. Three new trees were added to the campus in their place and several bushes were added as well. The plan for the newly planted trees is to have raised planter boxes surrounding them.

Many walkways were repaved all over the school and the iron fence surrounding the school was completed. The painting of the school was completed as well as the bus/fire lines and rooms 1, 2, and 3 being repainted.

Not all changes were physical however; academic changes were also made. All students are now required to pass Algebra 1 and all freshmen are now required to take geography. Freshmen Richard Bayabos said, "I think that geography is easy, not really hard at all. I enjoy it a lot."

A new bell schedule is in place this year, with school now starting at 8:00 a.m. Sixth period now ends at 2:18 p.m. and 7th period now ends at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Geivett decided to change the schedule with the support of the district office because last year buses ended up getting to R.C. late after 6th and 7th periods because the driver had to pick up Golden State students. Passing periods were extended one minute. "There were too many students wandering the halls. It was just too crowded," Geivett said.

Students also started school earlier this year on August 13, but will be getting the two weeks of summer vacation that were lost, back during the year. Thanksgiving break has been extended to a full week this year, and winter break will now be three weeks long. Another week has also been added to spring break, extending it to two weeks. With first semester now ending the week before winter break. The second semester will begin the day students return from break. The change was made because, "with the old schedule students forgot most of the information taught over the long vacations," said Geivett.

The new look of the school and the new academic changes will take some time to get used to, "I really think it helped to improve the campus' appearance and in the long run will improve the academic performance of the students," said Ms. Woods, R.C.'s Health and Driver's Education teacher.

A.P. results released

Spanish students excel on the difficult exam

By Lucy Mendoza
Features Editor

In May 2003, 91 River City students took the Advanced Placement (A.P.) exams, and the school recently got the test scores back. Of the 91 students who took the exam, 31 students passed (34%) the difficult tests. The results ranged from twelve Spanish students passing, to two students passing European History, to no U.S. History students passing.

The AP exam (Advanced Placement) is an annual test taken by many of the students who are enrolled in A.P. courses. Students do not have to take the exam but it is greatly encouraged.

Many students take AP courses but for different reasons. Some take it because it looks good on college applications and others take it because, if you pass the AP exam, you can get college credit for the subject (except in calculus). Then there are those students who take it simply because they want a challenge and have no intention of taking the exam. "Taking A.P. courses shows you are challenging yourself by tackling such rigorous subject matter. They also give you an opportunity to get college credit," said Head Counselor Ms. Tyler. "Every student who takes the class needs to take the A.P. exam."

The test ranges from anywhere between $70 and $80, and there are sometimes fundraisers to help raise money for students. The class prepares you for the exam by practicing similar tests to those on the A.P. exams.

Jessica Martinez, a sophomore taking A.P. European History, says, "I'm taking the A.P. class because I know what's good for my future since it looks good on my academic record, and the challenge gets me more prepared for college."

AP courses require special training for the teachers because they are college courses using college text books. Mrs. Connolly, who has taught A.P. French in the past, said, "There's a lot of special training because it's not just a matter of more work; it's also a matter of deeper work." In her class, Mrs. Connolly focused on knowing exactness and details. Mrs. Connolly taught the AP French program for three years and in those three years no student passed.

For the past three years, the best A.P. results have come in the A.P. Spanish IV class. All 30 students who have taken the Spanish A.P. exam the last three years have passed.

"The entire foreign language department plays a role in helping the students succeed with the AP exam, not just me. We all help in preparing them for it," said Ms. Aldrete, the Spanish A.P. teacher who has taught the class for five years. She explains that although many of her students have been native-Spanish speakers, they aren't all native speakers. "The test is on literature, grammar, spelling, and other things where it doesn't matter if you speak Spanish or not. The reason the students pass is because they are prepared by the time the test comes," said Tyler. Some of Ms. Aldrete's challenges in teaching her class is to get the students understanding literature because of the challenging vocabulary in the novels.

On the other hand, the A.P. U.S. History program has consistently struggled to get students to pass the exam. In the past three years, only two of the thirty-nine students tested passed the exam.

Mr. Sanborn, the Social Studies department chair and the school's A.P. U.S. History teacher for the past five years, said, "I think one of the reasons we haven't had many passing in this class is because lots of non-first English speakers are in this class and DBQs are hard for them to understand." DBQ's (Document Based Questions) are documents that state facts people have said about historical events and students have to write an in-depth essay about them that describes, explains, and analyzes them.

Sanborn also said that it could have been his teaching that caused the students to not pass. "I'm very disappointed in the results. I'm still examining what I did or didn't do," he commented. He says that this year he is going to try different strategies and alter the way he teaches including giving students practice DBQ's every week, to help the students get a better understanding of the subject matter.

Opinions

Total Non-Recall

Memories R.C. staff members would rather not recall



Mr. Ferris
English teacher

"Some of my memories that I would like to forget are the death of my brother, my parent's divorce, and my first year teaching... but I have still learned something from every one of them. Another thing I would like to forget about was when I was in college and I pronounced "bourgeois" wrong during a college class, and to add to this humiliating situation I thought the word meant something upper-class, about which I was wrong." *(Bourgeois* means 'middle class,' as in *bourgeoisie.)*



Mrs. Woods
Social Science
teacher

"A memory that I would like to forget is what I call my 'Psycho Date.'" I had just turned eighteen and one of my family friends, who was six or seven years older than me, asked me out on a date to celebrate my birthday. We drove to South Lake Tahoe for a fancy dinner, and there was a beautiful view of the lake in front of our table. During dinner, he decided to get mushy. At the start of dessert, he got down on one knee and proposed. I was completely shocked and laughed. We left in his car, and we were getting further from Sacramento, and I asked where we were going. He told me that we were going to Reno, and I felt threatened. I got out of the car, walked to the next exit, found a gas station, and called my mom. The next night, I went on another date (with my present husband), and when I got home, my 'Psycho Date' was sitting on my door step."

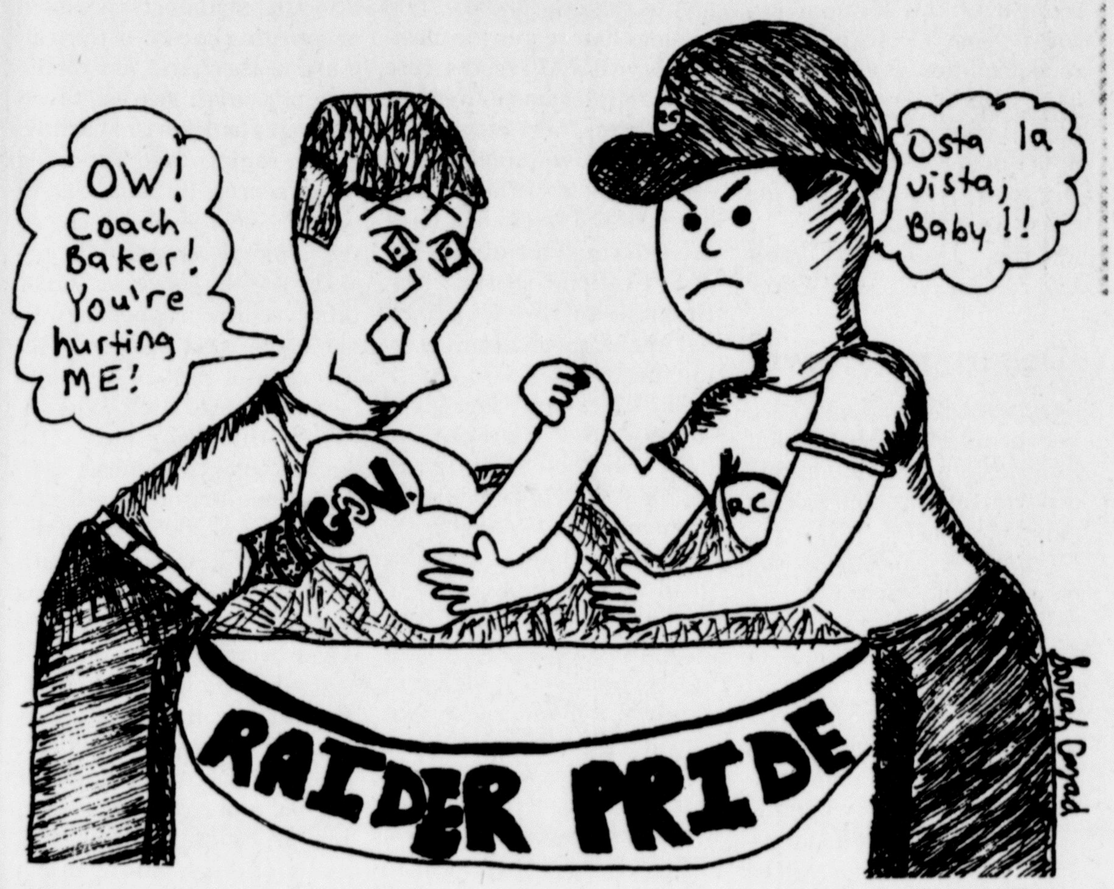


Mr. Geivett
Principal

"When I was ten years old, my friends and I went to Albertson's, bit pieces out of all the fruit pies, then put them back on the counters. The store security cameras saw this entire scene, and as my friends and I were exiting the store, the store manager pulled us back in and took us to the back of the store. I fainted, and we all were taken to the police department. Each of my friends, including me, got a citation, and I was told that I would be on probation until age eighteen. After eight years (when I was eighteen), I went back to the police station and was told that there was no such recourse."

By Jessica Colgan and Jessica Ramirez
Staff Writers

In hopes of confronting public skepticism, Arnie arrived at River City ready for a debate he could handle.



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Our Voices

Three *Review* staffers share their opinions on what they would recall at R.C.

There are a handful of things that I would recall at River City, all of which would improve the overall appearance of the facility. My changes would be to add lockers in the hallway, install better sprinkler systems on the baseball and football fields, and recall the football bleachers. If these changes were to occur at River City, it would be a greatly improved high school.

To start with, I would first recall the timeschool starts. Instead, we would start school half an hour later. This would allow teachers, staff, and students, to have more sleep and be better prepared to start the day.

Another thing that I would recall at River City is the sprinkler system on the football and baseball fields. Currently the sprinkler system used is a tire with a perpendicular pole that sprays in a circular pattern. This makes it hard to move it to every single spot around the fields and spray each spot evenly. With a new and improved sprinkler system, all of the grass will be green and evenly watered on the fields. Therefore, when the football, baseball, and soccer teams practice on the field, they won't have to do push-ups or other calisthenics on hard, prickly grass that leaves scrapes and cuts throughout your body.

The last thing I would recall at River City would be the dilapidated football bleachers. The bleachers look horrible with their rusty bars and chipped faded paint. In addition, during Homecoming there usually isn't even enough room to fully seat all of the family, friends, and fans. This makes it clear that there is a definite need for new and improved bleachers.

With these changes of mine, River City would be a better-looking facility, and make it a better environment for the students here.

By Matt Richardson,
News Co-Editor

I bet you know what you would change at River City if given the opportunity. Most people probably wouldn't be able pick just one thing to recall. It seems as if there are limitless possibilities at R.C.. What to alter? What to modify? Nearly everyone has an opinion, but when it comes down to it, exactly what can be changed? The school is really doing the best it can. People bicker about the dress code, and complain about overcrowding. Yet they need to realize that life has more to it than these minor inconveniences. School is a place to come and learn, and R.C. provides that and more, so what's to change? We have plenty of clubs, numerous sports, and caring teachers. Perhaps we're not the best-looking high school, or don't have the biggest campus, yet we get a worthy education.

This is a public school, meaning the public is responsible for its condition. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that public schools shouldn't expect better. But if the public wants an improved school, then they should make a fervent effort to better the school.

One thing I would recall, are all the people who complain all day saying the school is crappy. If you think it's so odious, then why are you going here?! If you have time to sit and carp all day over not having enough room to walk down the hallway, take a moment to look around and realize we're all in the same boat. There is nothing we can do but make the best of what we have. It's a simple concept for those who complain. Just think about it this way; if your not a part of the solution, you're a part of the problem.

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

Walking through the crowded hallways of River City, I think about the changes that have been made here. Despite all the modernization, rule changes, and new students entering a brand new year, some of River City, just like Governor Gray Davis, needs to be recalled.

To start with, our school should be torn down and be re-built. This is the ONLY high school in West Sacramento and I feel that we deserve a good school. Don't get me wrong, I think River City is a great school in some ways, but we deserve better. For example, our gym is too small. Measure A gave the school money to remodel the gym and they did, but it's the same gym, just painted over. We should have a brand new, large gym. When you go to other high school their gyms are much bigger than ours and they have two gyms instead of one. Whether or not this is a public school, we deserve a good school. Now, the school district says they have been working on getting land to build a new high school here in Sacramento, but when will that happen?

We should also recall some of school's rules. Having to wear high-heeled shoes are okay, but not wearing flip flops? If you think about it, high heels are more dangerous than wearing flip-flops. The administration says we are not allowed to wear them because of safety reasons such as a fire drill. If you are running with high heels you are more likely to trip and hurt yourself than if you are wearing flip flops. I understand that the school is looking out for their student's safety, but some of the rules just don't make sense

If Gray Davis is being recalled, maybe R.C. should be recalled and become a better and brand new school.

By Manorma Umaria
Staff Writer

Should we recall Governor Davis?

Yes 73 % No 27 %

Who would you vote for to become our new governor?

Arnold Schwarzenegger		
	28 boys 42 girls	51%
Arianna Huffington		
	1 boy 12 girls	10%
Peter Camejo		
	1 boy 0 girls	1%
Garry Coleman		
	3 boys 1 girl	3%
Cruz Bustamante		
	9 boys 11 girls	15%
Senator Tom McClintock		
	1 boy 11 girls	2%
Larry Flynt		
	2 boys 2 girls	3%
Other		
	6 boys 10 girls	12%

** Poll conducted 9/10 - 9/17, with 131 respondents. Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.*

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Features & Lifestyles

The tough guy in the hat

R.C.'s new Dean of Students helps keep the school under control

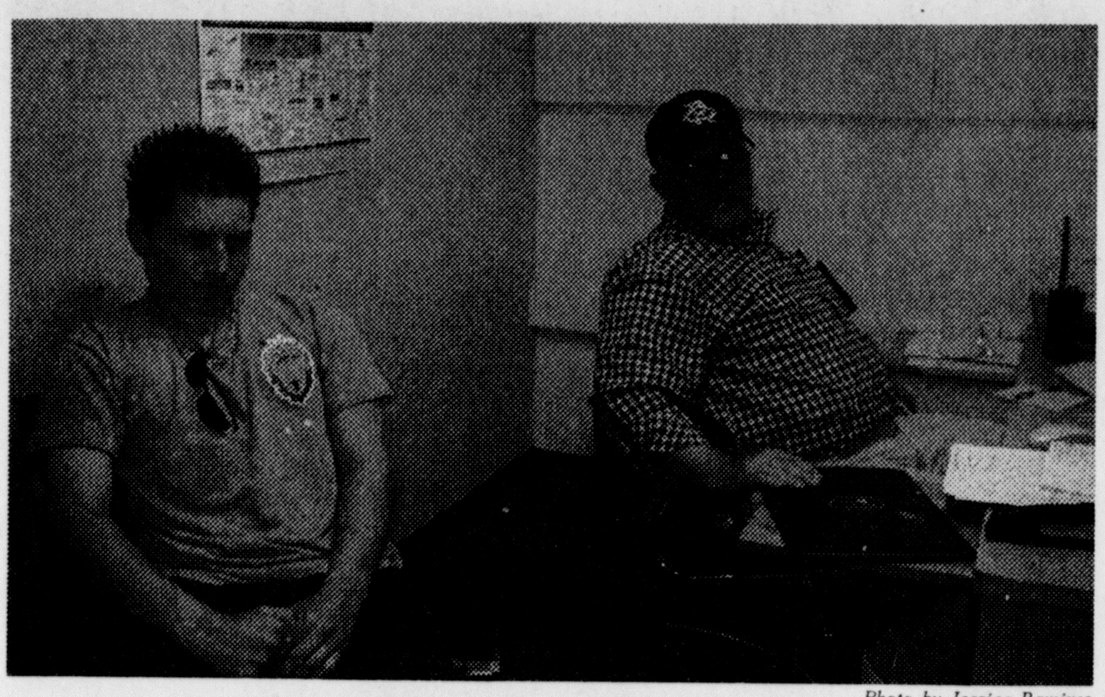


Photo by Jessica Ramirez

Mr. Pearman leans over to talk to Leo Salcedo. Pearman is the fourth administrator at R.C.

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

Imagine being in school for fifty years. Terry Pearman knows the feeling. Proudly clad in his R.C. baseball hat, R.C.'s new Dean of Students is no stranger to the halls of a high school. Pearman has a long record of experience, from English teacher to Assistant Principal, to Principal, and then onto Police Dispatcher, he's seen it all. "I remember a time in the late 80's soon after the Loma Prieta earthquake. All of the playing fields were covered with tents. People were forced to live at the high school, and school was still in session!" Pearman recalled.

Pearman attended college in San Mateo earning an A.A. in Art, and then a Bachelor's Degree. He went on to California State University in San Jose to earn his Master's Degree, also in art, followed by his teaching credential in 1970. At that point, he began teaching at Yuba City High School. Pearman went on to Santa Cruz teaching English, Pearman moved up to Assistant Principal, and then to Principal at Santa Cruz.

Last year was the only year in nearly fifty that he was not in a school either learning or teaching. Instead, he took a break and became a Public Safety Dispatcher for a Police Department. But he couldn't stay away for long. It was like the campus was calling him. "It's really what I do best," he explained.

With so many years of experience, one wouldn't doubt that the Dean has big plans for R.C. So far kids have already seen a difference in the way things are run. Junior Romal Kumar noted, "Things are much smoother now that someone is in charge of just discipline."

There are a lot of rumors about the 'New Dean.' "People are saying he was in the police force, and that he was here to enforce as a cop," junior Nakhter Ahad heard. Others aren't even aware that R.C. has a Dean of Students now. "Somebody said 'go to the dean', and I was like, 'Who?'" senior Noreen Hassan said.

Math teacher Mr. Coffin, former disciplinarian of Saturday school observed, "He's doing a really good job. He has a noticeable presence on campus."

The biggest problem he feels R.C. is dealing with is tardiness. "Kids who are tardy is a real problem, and [I feel] tardiness is a clear mark of disrespect." Pearman is currently focusing on mending this problem by taking action with repeat offenders. Students are noticing that leniency is not as common.

Terry Pearman: he is responsible for the order, health, safety, and discipline of the students, all 1,700 of them. If you still don't know who he is, just look for the hat.

Who should lead California?

An overview of where the main candidates stand on education

By Sarah Cozad &
Raquel Magdaleno
Staff Writers

The typical bag of Hershey's chocolate kisses contains many different pieces of candy. Each piece is wrapped in glittery silver foil, and each one has carries the promise of sweet, rich chocolate. And predictably, each piece ends up tasting about the same.

The California's governor race is looking a little like this bag of kisses: lots of didates with flashy websites and commercials promising a better, richer California. But as it turns out, they seem to have basically the same tastes and ideas about education.

Currently there over one hundred candidates for California's Governor position. With all these candidates, how is someone supposed to know which person would be the best choice for California? Which candidate would best benefit education the most?

"If I were old enough to vote, I wouldn't know who to vote for because I don't know where each candidate stands on important issues like education," said sophomore Hilary Usrey.

One of the main candidates is **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. According to Arnold's website, (joinarnold.com), Schwarzenegger wants to ensure all schools provide a clean, safe environment as well as quality textbooks for every student.

He also thinks tutoring programs should be available to those in need of help. Finally, Schwarzenegger believes classroom instruction should be based on research and tests should be given to show not only student progress but school progress as well.

He plans to ensure his goals by using set aside government funding. Whether or not Schwarzenegger keeps his word is debatable considering his lack of background in education.

Lieutenant Governor **Cruz Bustamante** is also running for California governor. Like his opponent, Schwarzenegger,Bustamante thinks all students should have updated textbooks. In addition to textbooks, Bustamante thinks kids should have the opportunity to grow up to be anything they want to be (noonrecallyesonbustamante.com). Besides textbooks, Bustamante wants to "lower the student cost at state universities and colleges".

Another potential candidate is Green party member **Peter Camejo**. According to Camejo's website, (votecamejo.org), "The future of our state and our nation depends on educating our youth on issues such as the environment, drug addiction and morality so that we make America a better place and have its role in the world of one respect."

This means Camejo believes each pupil should be taught the difference between right and wrong. Camejo also wants an increase in state funds for school improvement for "capital improvements," such as buildings and infrastructure, as well as an increase in state funds for qualified teachers. However, Camejo failed to mention how he was going to pay for these changes.

So far the California governor candidates seem to be keeping the students' best interests in mind. Not all the candidates however, approach California's education with a smile.

For example, Republican candidate **Senator Tom McClintock** feels there should be strong competition between teachers. According to the State Senate website, (www.sen.ca.gov), McClintock promised that, "the best teachers in the system would earn salaries in the six figures, while the worst teachers would be naturally encouraged to find work elsewhere-without a single review board or standardized test."

However, McClintock failed to address how a "good" teacher would be judged. Perhaps teacher replay races are in California's future. During a recall debate in Walnut Creek(www.issues2000.com), McClintock was asked his feelings on the high school exit exam. He failed to answer the question completely by saying, "I would not postpone the exams," then proceeded by rambling on about how, "the Democrats killed it in the legislature."

While McClintock's views on education are generally still sketchy, McClintock does feel strongly about bilingual education. According to the State Senate website, (www.sen.ca.gov), McClintock feels bilingual education is an effective form of education. "More than one-fifth of California's school children are being denied equal educational opportunity in racially segregated classrooms with a 95% percent failure rate. In one of those oxymorons only a bureaucrat could love, it is called 'bilingual education.'" If he's elected, this means you might be saying "adios" to your ESL or sheltered language class.

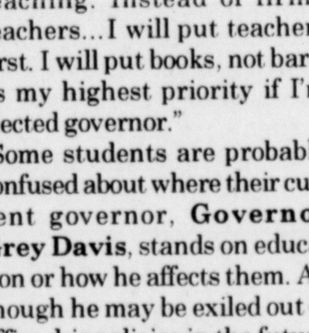
Now, the California governor's race isn't just between men, the race also has women candidates. One of the main female candidates is **Arianna Huffington**. Very similar to past candidates Huffington's website, (ariannaforgov.com) reveals Huffington wants quality textbooks, as well as a clean safe learning environment.

At a recent recall debate in Walnut Creek, (www.issues2000.org), Huffington was asked how she plans to fund for higher pay for California teachers. Huffington responded by saying, "I'm opposed to the so-called "'Leave No Child Behind Act' that the Bush administration has put forward. It is another unfunded mandate and it is putting the emphasis on testing instead of teaching. Instead of firing teachers...I will put teachers first. I will put books, not bars, as my highest priority if I'm elected governor."

Some students are probably confused about where their current governor, **Governor Grey Davis**, stands on education or how he affects them. Although he may be exiled out of office, his policies in the future would remain the same as they are now. As many know, Davis is a firm believer in exit exams. Davis feels students should have to pass a basic standards test in order to receive a California diploma.

He also wants one qualified teacher per classroom, as well as smaller class sizes for better learning; this will be paid for with California taxes.

Although a majority of students at River City are not eligible to vote, they still should know who may be in control over their education and how their choices will affect them.



Meet Mrs. Rose Penrose, one of River City's new teachers. She teaches ninth and eleventh grade English and helps as a faculty assistant for *The Review*.

In style 2003

T-shirts, lunch boxes, and Disney, oh my!

By Hasiba Abdali and
Marlena Brookins
Staff writers

Hip-hugger jeans, a polka-dot top, Superman lunch box, and a Cinderella backpack... ok, so you're thinking, "Is that a mistake?" No, actually that is the formula to becoming part of the "in-crowd." Some interesting trends have come up for this 2003 school year, including wearing Disney apparel.

Wearing Disney wardrobe "Brings out the child in a person," says senior Tara Lytle. This "inner child" is to be found in sophomores Lizzy Lynch and Johnna Sulpizio carrying a Tinkerbell lunch bag, and countless others, like junior Tenisa Guytia, who has a Little Mermaid lunch box.

Speaking of lunch, you see lunch boxes everywhere this year. Lindsey Gonzales says, "They're a way for people to express their individuality." Felecia Florendo and Lindsey Gonzales love the Care Bears, and Hadley Sulpizio shows off a Spongebob Squarepants lunch bag. Spongebob has become the main man when it comes to fashion.

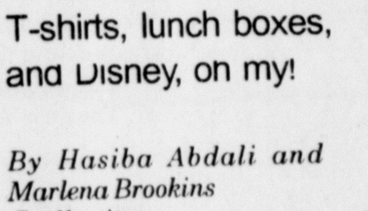
Another interesting trend is stripes and polka dots. This style is not new; it's 1950's style, and it's coming back. In the 1950's, lots of young girls dressed in polka dot poodle skirts or striped tops with black capri pants. Senior Katie Hitchcock "thinks it's cute."

River City guys have some fashion sense too. This fall, the guys are sporting the casual, and comfortable look. Senior Antonio Hernandez describes comfortable as khaki pants with a classic Polo shirt.

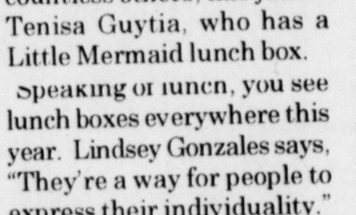
A popular store for both guys and girls is American Eagle. You can find American Eagle at almost any mall, including Arden Fair and the Downtown Plaza. Sophomores Austin Rankin and Johnna Sulpizio, and senior Lindsey Gonzales said they shop there. Others like to shop at more reasonably priced stores, such as Ross, J.C. Penny's, or Macy's to get their favorite look, casual jeans and sensational shirts, without the price tag.

No matter what your style is, you should sport it. Hey, you never know, it might be the next trend.

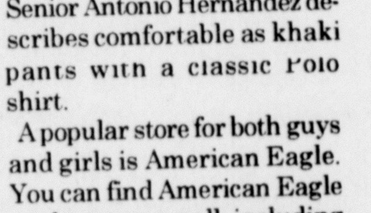
Fall t.v. reviews



Orange County
Genre: Drama
Station: FOX 40
Schedule: Tuesday nights at 9:00 p.m.
Rating: 3.5 stars



Friends
Genre: Comedy
Station: NBC
Schedule: Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
Rating: 3 stars



Paradise Hotel
Genre: Reality TV
Station: Fox 40
Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m.
Rating: 2 ½ stars

Orange County, Fox's latest show is like chocolate dipped strawberries, is delicious. Consisting of teenagers, parties, alcohol, sex, scandals, violence and love triangles, the show is bound to be a success.

Orange County is about a teenager named Ryan who gets thrown out of his home by his mother. Ryan crosses paths with a lawyer from Newport Beach who "sees potential in the troubled blond" and gives him a place to live. Before the lawyer's appealing family adopts him, Ryan manages to get into jail, burn down a house, fall in love with the girl-next-door and get into a fight with a water-polo player. Once Ryan is adopted, he has an affair with his new grandfather's young girlfriend, and trashes his new mom's car. He also manages to, once again, get into a fight with the water-polo player. Overall, the show, *Orange County* is enchanting because of its spontaneous characters and endless possibilities.

By Ellen Spitsyn
Staff Writer

This well-known show is finally coming to an end this season. The show is about six friends (three men and three women) who have known each other since high school and college. They live in New York, and always meet at their hangout, "The Central Park".

This season started off with confusing back and forth proposals between Joey accidentally asking Rachel to marry him, and Phoebe mistakenly thinking that Ross had proposed to Rachel. Monica and Chandler try to have a child, but complications come up and they have to find out how to solve their situation. But while all of this is going on, Rachel is trying to figure out the "motherly" ways of raising her newborn child.

I give *Friends* three stars because of the comedy and the upbeat attitudes of the characters. There are always new plot twists, and at the end of the show, the storyline leaves the audience wanting more and pleased with what they received.

ByChelsea Mudgett
Staff Writer

A new show that premiered a few weeks ago, *Paradise Hotel* is a new breed of reality t.v. that adds a soap opera bite to a "Survivor" set up.

You follow eleven single women and men (ages 21-31) who get to live in a resort so exclusive that the show will not say where it is. Each week a guest is eliminated by everyone picking new roommates and leaving one person left out to make way for someone new.

Guests on the show create drama when a friend or someone who has turned into a loved one has to leave. We, the audience, also have a chance to get in on the action, by logging on to the website (paradiseonfox.com) for a chance to be a guest. Contestants try to get the other current guests to vote them on to be pampered at *Paradise Hotel*.

This show is for people who like to watch soap operas or like yelling at the TV when their favorite guest gets voted off. I've been watching it since the beginning.

By Gisela Heacock
Staff Writer

Sports & Activities

The season begins

Varsity football kicks off first game of the season at Calaveras

By Samantha Cieri and Tiffany Pina
Sports/Activities Editor and Reporter

The first game of the Varsity football took place on Friday, September 12 in Calaveras. But even though the team had prepared themselves well, they couldn't beat Calaveras, traditionally a powerhouse team.

In the first quarter, both teams put up a good fight, with Ricky Bandhu, runningback and strong safety, not letting anybody take him down. He managed to keep sliding past Calaveras, and the score stayed tied at 0-0 throughout the quarter.

By the time second quarter started, the score was still locked at 0-0, looking like no one might jump ahead for a while.

RC held its own until in the third quarter, when the Calaveras Redskins made the first touchdown with 8:36 minutes to go. A few minutes later, the Redskins earned another point, with punt that brought the score up to 7-0.

With little time remaining in the quarter, quarterback Aaron Garner threw a forty-yard pass to Clayton Jones (runningback and center), making the score a close 7-6. However, instead of going for a P.A.T., there was a high snap and the team was forced to make a pass.

In the fourth quarter, things weren't looking too promising for the Raiders, although there was still a small ray of chance. The Raiders kept trying to stay strong on defense, but the Redskins still got a touchdown, making the score 14-7. Aaron Garner made a nice kick return with 7:26 minutes left in the game, but R.C. lost to Calaveras 14-7.

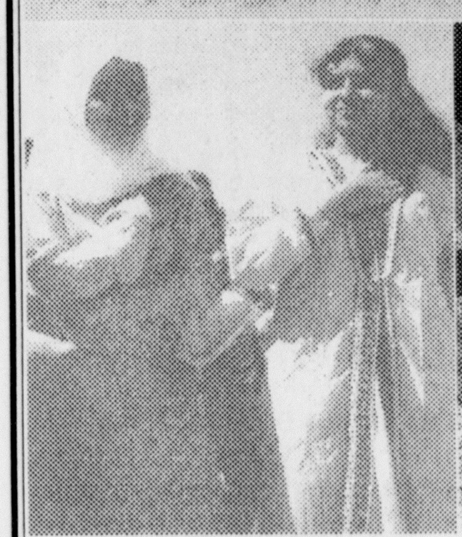
Even with their loss, Mr. Watkins said, "Our kids played with a lot of heart and believed they could win till the end!"

He also thinks that the players that shined the most during the game were Aaron Garner, Michael Demars (offensive lineman and defensive tackle), and Carlos Santos (offensive lineman and defensive tackle).

Upcoming home games: 9/26 Natomas, 10/10 Highlands, 10/17 Center, 11/7 Foothill

Note: Despite their opening game loss, varsity rallied back last Friday to pummel Livingston 35-0. As of September 20, varsity's record now stands at 1-1.





Amal Sayedi and Alnas Bibi stand during the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."



Photos courtesy of R.C.H.S. Yearbook Staff

Richard McAmoil, 9th grade, gets "down and dirty" in one of the rally's games.

Future of combined lunches uncertain after Welcome Back rally

By Jessica Ramirez
Staff Writer

On Friday September 5th, River City held its annual Welcome Back rally and dance centered around the theme, "Where's the love?" Leadership students say they chose this theme to stress the diversity of race and culture that exists at River City. Twenty-six languages alone are spoken on the R.C. campus.

With temperatures in the low-90's, the rally began with the traditional Senior Walk around the track before the seniors took their seats. There were also the usual games and skits, but this year the juniors and seniors combined theirs to stress the event's theme. The football teams were also introduced, and Ms. McCallister presented information on her B.ES.T. club. After that, Rosa Gaeta gave a religious testimonial on behalf of S.W.I.T.C.H., the campus' Christian student group.

The rest of the rally continued as planned with the Teachers' Skit. Activities Director Ms. Costanza and counselor Ms. Clark performed a racially-reversed dance to Michael Jackson's song, "Black or White." In the end, the juniors won the rally.

However, forty minutes into the combined, extended lunch forty students were caught throwing bottles, food, and balloons filled with soda. Approximately twenty were sent to the office, while two students from other schools were sent off campus. "In the future we're going to avoid having one lunch, unless we can provide alternative organized activities for students such as football, basketball, etc," said Principal Mr. Geivett. He noted that overcrowding was the most likely culprit for the disruption. "Our enrollment has grown to the extent that we cannot afford to have 1,600 students packed in such a confined area."

Geivett cancelled the remainder of lunch he later announced that an hour would be taken off the dance later that evening as a consequence for the students' behavior.

Despite the unruly behavior in the quad, the dance that night was successful and held without any major incidents. The first dance of the year had a high turnout, with approximately 370 students attending the event and helping raise approximately $1,850 for A.S.B..

However, Ms. Costanza kicked seven students out of the dance for inappropriate "freak" dancing. ("Freak dancing" or "dirty dancing" is sexually suggestive dancing in public.) During the week before the dance, Dean of Students Mr. Pearman had announced several times that all school rules would be followed at the dance and that freak dancing would not be permitted.

After the seven students left campus, Ms. Costanza announced that if three mor students were caught frea dancing, the rest of the danc would be cancelled. Ther were no more problems an the dance ended at 11:00 p.m as planned.

A change in tradition

R.C.'s cheerleading squad goes co-ed

By Will Duncan
Sports Co-editor

This year River City has undergone dramatic change. We're not talking about a new renovation project, however. This is a change in tradition - two boys have joined R.C.'s cheer squad and it's a change that some feel is overdue.

For the first time ever, at River City, two male students, Brandon Stout, a senior, and Marco Reyes, a sophomore, have joined our cheerleading team. "I haven't had any problems with having a coed team," said Lesley Pruitt, the head cheerleading coach. She thought in the beginning of this year that she would have the boys socializing in one group and the girls doing the same in another. "They have meshed well together and work together."

The new recruits have proved their worth during practice. They have added an increase in strength that Pruitt feels is what the team needs. She recalls a time when Brandon Stout and others were participating in a tumble (throwing one person up and catching them) and the girl they were tossing, Helene Mercado, went five feet higher than expected. Pruitt says that the group was distracted and she was worried that they were not going to catch her, but they did.

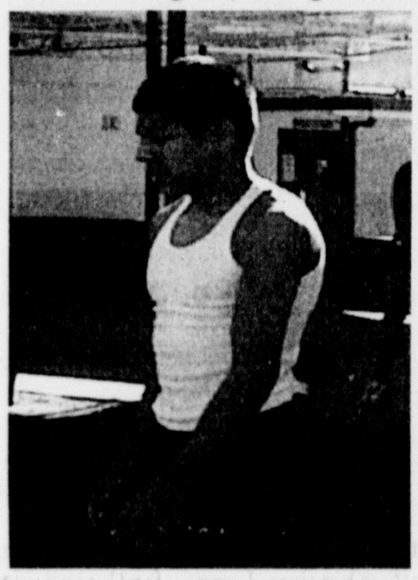


Photo by Jessica Ramirez
Marco Reyes is one of R.C.'s two new male cheerleaders.

However, grace is something that Pruitt thinks the boys lack at this point, and the girls possess. She notes that the boys are more abruptly stopping the girls when they free fall. However, she says, "he girls are getting used to working with the boys."

This break in tradition occurred somewhat coincidentally, with not one but two boys signing up for the squad this year. Marco Reyes found a new respect for the sport when his sister Angelica Reyes, participated in a competition this summer. "I just thought that is was something I might like to do," Reyes said confidently. He said what also motivated him to join was the dominant presence of 'The girls' as he put it.

Brandon Stout said the cheerleaders actually asked him, during his freshman year, to join the squad after he preformed a few flips and other forms of acrobatic abilities during a challenge from the cheerleaders to the football players. He is a senior, now and says the reason he waited three years to join the squad was, "I wanted to see if I could be remembered in sports...and that hasn't worked out. I wanted my name to be in the books and doing this I think I will be remembered."

Brandon lives a busy life on a field. He plays baseball in the summer and is playing football this fall. He will cheer for the duration of the basketball season.

Pruitt looks at this new year with optimism. As for her two new recruits:
"I just hope the student body accepts them. This shouldn't be a problem because these guys are really steadfast and determined."

Sports Briefs & Club Updates

By Will Duncan
Sports Co-editor, Marlena Brookins, Sarah Liden and Tiffany Pina, Staff Writers

J.V. Football, 1-2

Although they lost to Livingston last Friday, River City proved victorious over Calaveras 12-7 for the first game of the year. Tight end Juan Arrizon scored after a short run followed by running back William Sagadin, who scored after a 30-yard dash in the third quarter.

This game was won because of a strong defense and it proved to be a strategy that worked.

Frosh Football, 0-2

River City freshman football suffered a heart breaking defeat against Calaveras after securing a 14-0 lead over the team in the first half of the game. Tiamo Gausau scored after running 65 yards across the field in the second quarter, followed by Richard McMoil, who scored a touchdown after a 55-yard dash in the same quarter.

After halftime the home team's fortune ran out and Calaveras was able to catch up and ended up winning the game 19-14.

Freshman Volleyball

The freshman volleyball team has not yet had any games this season. There are only eight players on this year's team, so every single player is a key factor. The team is currently emphasizing fundamentals, such passing, setting, and hitting skills. One of their biggest challenges is to stay as healthy as possible for the rest of the season, because if they aren't healthy than the team will have a hard time sticking with any of the teams that they play. Home Games: See varsity schedule.

J.V. Volleyball, 1-2

The team entered their first game with high expectations,on September 9, 2003, but they were defeated by Winters High School. All of the players on the team this year are experienced. With thirteen players this year, the team has a lot more options than it did last year. when some players were new with little experience.

One of the major challenges for the team is that they need to even out their field of experience, and get everyone to the same ability of play. For home games see the varsity schedule.

Varsity Volleyball, 1-2

With great attitudes and high expectations, the girl's varsity volleyball team has started their season with a record of 1-2. Although the team came out of their first game with an upset by Winters High School, they are still keeping their heads up. They took that loss and worked on what they needed to and they won their next game against Delta High School. Even though, the team won against Delta they also suffered a defeat from Dixon. The key players are Miriam Lopez, Amber Jones, and Shelby Kantar. Mariam is a great setter and one of the seniors on the team. Amber is a good hitter she is also a senior. Shelby is another senior and is good at being aggressive on the court. Home games this season are on September 18th, 23rd, 2nd, 9th, 21st, and 30th.

Recycling Club

Recycling: the new club on campus! Because cans and bottles were piling up, River City's parent club decided to try out a new idea to make money for the school this year. Over the summer, they began putting out green recycle bins on campus during lunch to encourage students to keep the school clean and raise the amount of money for the students. The Parent Club decided that since recycling cans and bottles made money during summer school, it would be a great way to make money for the regular school session as well. Ever since school started students and staff at River City have been throwing cans and bottles in the green recycle bins which have made $415, This money will go towards scholarships for students and other school activities.

Thespians

The Drama Club will perform their first play, "The Inner Willy," on November 7th, 8th, 15th, and 16th at Yolo High School. Mr. Duff teaches this club.

French Club

On August 25th, the French Club started a fundraiser, selling cookie dough and magazine subscriptions. The money goes towards the French Club, and hopefully to some seniors.

At this point, they have raised about $2,600, with five of the top sellers going to lunch in a limousine. Students can pick up the cookie dough in room 51 between 2:30 and 4:30 on September 26th. Also in October, during about the week of the 22nd-31st, the French club will be selling "Boo Bundles" and Hershey's chocolate. Ms. Connolly is the club's adviser.

BEST Club

BEST has meetings Tuesday morning and there are about 20 people who have already joined this science-oriented club.

Sou Saeturn is the president and new elections comi soon. Right now the club thinking of a fundraiser to g t-shirts for everyone. They a planning an end-of-the-yea field trip and there are fun a tivities each meeting.

Leadership

Leaderhip started the yea organizing the September 1 Welcome Back Rally an Dance and then held a rum mage sale on Saturday, Se tember 13 and raised approx mately $300 for the school.

On September 19, Leadership and Vice PrincipalMs Boxton rewarded the studen body for having a clean, liter-free campus for the week when the rock band "Key t Arson" played at both lunche

Also, for the first time i over five years, Leadershi has re-opened the studen store. They are selling pens lanyards,pennant flags, $1 ASB stickers (which gives stu dents discounts on their admission to dances and sporting events) and more.

The class is currently bus planning the Homecoming rally and dance. The annual Homecoming dance is the largest dance held on campus and is held in R.C.'s gymnasium.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Land use zoning: getting what you ask for

If you don't want strip malls and drive-through restaurants next to residential neighborhoods, then you'd better adjust your land use zoning to reflect that.

That's the bottom line here, as the West Sacramento City Council last week reluctantly granted an "optional" permit for a double drive-through lane at a proposed McDonalds restaurant sited on Jefferson Blvd. across from the Arlington Oaks subdivision in the city's "Southport" area. Even the three council members who voted in favor of the permit (which has some added mitigation measures to protect neighbors) couldn't have been excited about their vote. They knew they had just, in at least a small way, helped to set the tone for new commercial development in this growing area.

The decision is the city's latest compromise that favors the property rights of landowners while sacrificing some of the rights of those who live nearby. It also chips away just a little bit more at the near-utopian vision West Sacramento dared to dream for its largely undeveloped 7,000-acre Southport area when it began a master-planning process for the region over a decade ago.

Some people abhor the idea of a fourth McDonalds in the city, or the idea of a McDonalds as one of the first new businesses into Southport. Exactly which restaurant goes in isn't really a public policy decision, though. It is the land use that's the policy issue.

West Sacramento made three conscious choices here. First, it zoned the land in a way that would allow a fast-food outlet. Second, it designated a "drive through lane" as a "conditional," or discretionary, use on the property, instead of forbidding it. Then, it granted a permit for this discretionary two-lane drive-through, even though noise and pollution from the drive-though had been a sticking point for nearby residents.

The battle is probably over. The question is: are West Sacramento residents happy with the idea that the next land use decisions will be made the exact same way? If not, they'd better fix their zoning – sooner, rather than later.

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As is usual in these debates, the McDonalds proponents at one point said that city approval of the optional drive-through lanes was critical to the project's future. The restaurant wouldn't succeed without the lanes, they said. Likewise, the adjoining convenience market, gas station and car wash would all be doomed.

Well, maybe.

But there are some towns – even historic areas – that have forced traditional "cookie-cutter" fast food developments to change their corporate-dictated style and blend in to a local neighborhood. Such changes merely begin with dropping the drive-through lane. And you know what? The restaurant turns out to be a success anyway.

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Zoning is not about simply allowing a business into a neighborhood because there is a demand for it. If so, we'd let slaughterhouses and coal-fired power plants go wherever they please, including next door to you, if they thought the location to be cost-effective. Zoning weighs the rights of different parties and pursues the public good.

The new McDonalds will do great. No doubt many of the people who opposed the restaurant will someday even buy a burger there. That doesn't mean they wouldn't rather trade their Big Mac emporium for a less-intrusive and more lifestyle-oriented restaurant or retail center.

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It's good to have a "real" city hall again.

The new civic center has cemented its status by attracting pigeons. Somehow that lends an aura of traditional, city hall-type authenticity.

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Yup, that is your local school board member inside that issue of the Raley's food and lifestyle magazine you picked up at the supermarket this month. Next time you need a good recipe for sugar cookies, now you know to ask "Grandma Irene."

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Letters to the Editor

Save Lighthouse Golf Course

I read with dismay that the Lighthouse Golf Course is going to be destroyed. It seems like a big mistake to allow developers to take away the only golf course we have in our neighborhood so they can build homes in order for a few hundred people from elsewhere to move maybe a little closer to their jobs (downtown Sacramento) or whatever. Surely there must be another piece of ground these developers can buy and build their homes on, without destroying the only real gem that we have.

A golf course is a thing of beauty, a work of art, designed by a craftsman, a golf course designer, it's not something that should be destroyed just because you can make a buck selling homes, or maybe your politicians don't want to have to deal with the situation because it might get too complicated. If there is any chance to save it, our citizens and our city government should try to do so. To not make that effort is totally irresponsible.

For those of you who haven't seen the course, you might want to go check it out, drive around it, maybe go up on the levee and catch the view. Maybe hit a bucket of balls on the driving range and you might get the bug like I did. Golf is truly a fun game. If you don't play, it may be hard to understand why we feel such angst. I've been playing at the old Riverbend course, now Lighthouse, for around 35 years, and golf has become a passion of mine. If you've ever played golf or if you've ever talked golf with somebody who plays, you know what I mean. There is no thrill like pulling off the perfect shot. I've met many new and good friends at Lighthouse since I've been playing there, and we are all in a state of shock. We don't want to believe it is really going to happen.

Over the years Lighthouse Golf Course has provided many benefits for our whole community, not just golfers. Consider how many fundraisers are held there for our local organizations. The local Junior Latino Golf Club calls Lighthouse home, as does the River City High School golf team and 300 members of the Lighthouse Golf Club, and it will be a huge blow to all of us to lose it.

It seems like such a step backward for our community. Do we not need more places like this instead of less, a place where you can get away from it all? How about a large city-owned community park nine-hole golf course? I'm sure the citizens of West Sacramento would appreciate a new park and golf course more than new homes in a gated community, where most of us can only visit. It would be nice if our city government cared a little more about our quality of life issues. If Lighthouse is bulldozed under for construction of new homes, that will be a total wasted opportunity, much like the Hotel El Ranch fiasco of years past, where shortsightedness cost us big time. Longtime residents of West Sacramento will remember what a blunder that was.

Myself and the members of the Lighthouse Golf Course would also like to express our sadness at the passing of Pargan Singh a few days ago. Pargan was the course superintendent at Lighthouse from the beginning, and one of the best superintendents in the area. He was the reason the course is always in beautiful shape and such a pleasure to play. He will be missed, much like the course he cared about so much if we allow it to be destroyed.

TIM McKINNON
West Sacramento

"No" on recall

The upcoming "governors' candidates debate" doesn't sound like a true debate to me. All participants will be given the same questions ahead of time so their "politically correct" research staff can provide each with the seemingly best answers. Sounds like a mild debate to me. Everyone comes with prepared answers for the initial twelve questions. Nobody needs to use their brain these days. But the follow-up questions to competitors, or counterviewpoints by each could prove more interesting to voters.

Good ol' Arnold Schwarzenegger. This was the only one and only kind of "debate" he'd partake in. And State Senator Tom McClintock declaring that if the October 7th recall date were postponed to a later date, such action would "set a dangerous precedent!" Duh-h!

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 4 2003
File No. 2003-809

The following person is doing business as Bedrock; Bedrock Builders; Bedrock Construction; Bedrock Concrete; Bedrock Development; Bedrock Homes; Bedrock Repair; Bedrock Remodel, 3035 Anza Ave., Davis CA 95616:

Bedrock Investments, Inc., a Calif. Corp., 3035 Anza Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/30/02. Previous fictitious business name number: 02-283.

/s/Michael Pesola

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUL 31, 2003
File No. 2003-714

The following person is doing business as A...Z Home Repair, 411Elliot St #1, Woodland CA 95695:

Michael Roemhild, same address.

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/s/Michael Roemhild

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 21 2003
File No. 2003-775

The following person is doing business as West Sacramento Medical Center, 155 15th St., Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Midtown Medical Center, Inc., 2701 J Street, Ste 205, Sacramento, CA 95816.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 6, 2003.

/s/Elizabeth Cassin, CEO
Midtown Medical Center

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 12, 2003
File No. 2003-828

The following person is doing business as Sonlight Communications, John Giudice, 3760 Solomon Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Industrial Sunlight Corp., incorp. in Calif., PO Box 980396, W. Sac. CA 95798

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-28-00. Previous fictitious business name number 95-882.

/s/John Giudice, President
Industrial Sonlight Corp.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of APRIL ROSE SCHRODER, Minor.
NO: JV-03-00147
CITATION

TO: Ramon (last name not known) and all persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor::

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a Hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on November 19, 2003 at 10:30 A.M. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Debora Kafka on April 9, 2003. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 9-11-03
/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE (AMENDED) OF PERCY ELTON DEAN
CASE NUMBER PB03-178

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PERCY ELTON DEAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROSE MARIE DEAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROSE MARIE DEAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Tues., Oct. 21, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 7 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Mary K. Driscoll
601 University Ave., Suite 255
Sacramento CA 95825

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Riverpoint General Plan Amendment and Rezone for 74 acres located south of Reed Avenue, east of Interstate 80 and west of Harbor Boulevard. This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential impacts of amending the General Plan from General Commercial (GC) to Community Commercial (CC) and rezoning the project site from General Commercial Planned Development 23 (C-3 PD-23) to Community Commercial Planned Development 45 (C-2 PD-45). The Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the November 5, 2003, City Council meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project. The meeting will be held in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The City Council will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on November 12, 2003, in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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NOTICE OF PENDING LIEN SALE FOR VESSEL/ TRAILER
(Harbor & Navigation Code Sec. 503)

Notice is hereby given that at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 30, 2003, Dollar Tow Company will sell the following vessel/trailer at public sale at 2230 Rice Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691, for satisfaction of storage lien:

VESSEL: CF No. 9220PV, registered CA 2003, builder: BOMB, year model 2002, hull type VE, length 11 feet, hull identification no. ZZN26934B2002; TRAILER lic. no.: none, registered in CA 2007, make: ZEMA year model 2002, body type: CR, vehicle identification no. 1ZCB130172YW89514.

This vessel/trailer will be available for inspection at least one hour prior to sale.

Dollar Tow Company, 2230 Rice Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691, (916) 372-7458.

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In life, as in football, you won't go far unless you know where the goal posts are.
—Arnold Glasow

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No one grows old by living—only by losing interest in living.
—Marie Beynon Ray

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True affection is a body of enigmas, mysteries and riddles, where two so become one that they both become two.
—Sir Thomas Browne

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A truly strong and sound mind is the mind that can equally embrace great things and small.
—Samuel Johnson

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There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher.
—Henry Van Dyke

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Men must try and try again. They must suffer the consequences of their own mistakes and learn by their own failures and their own successes.
—Lawson Purdy

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PUZZLES & COMICS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





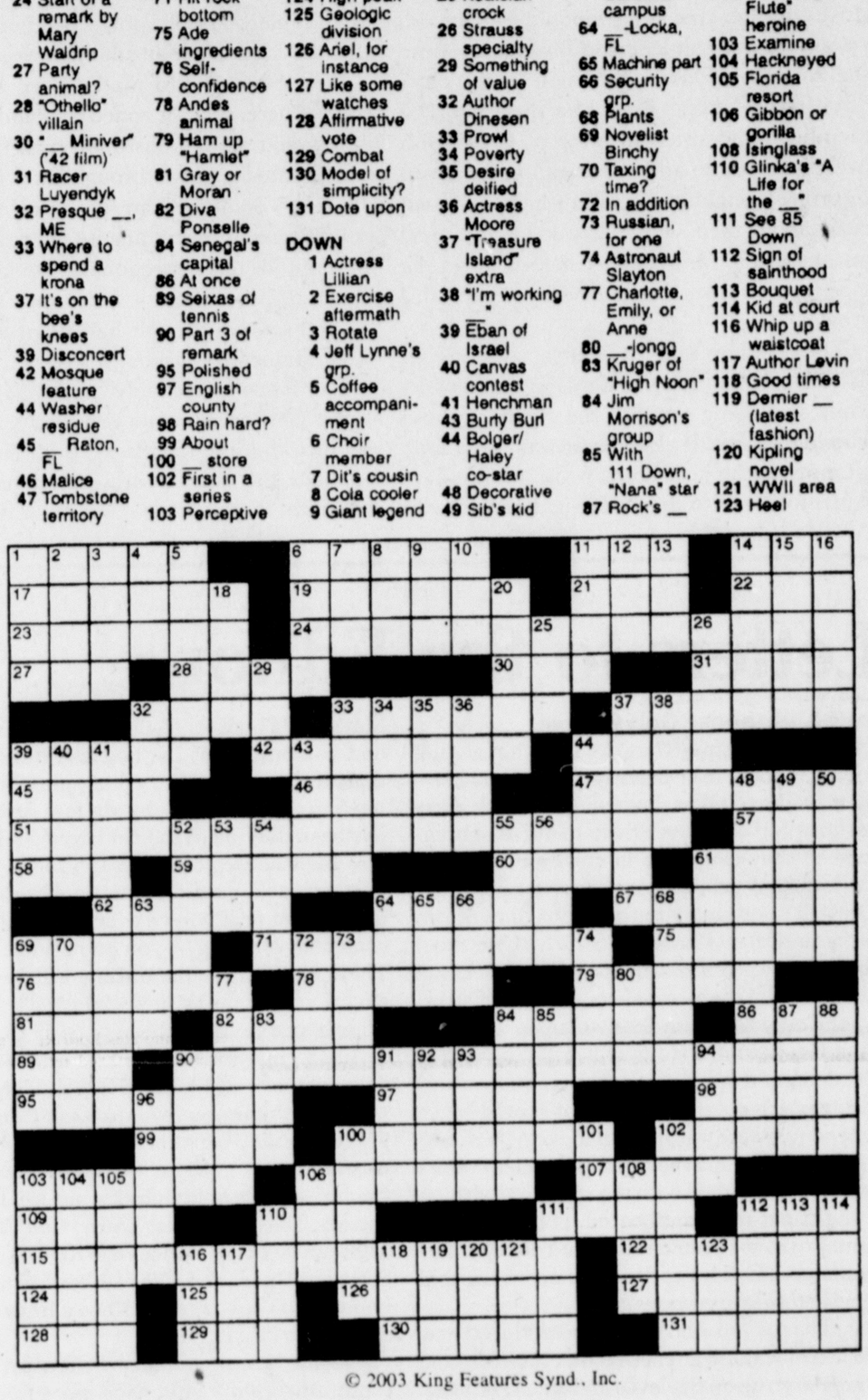




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27 Party animal?
28 "Othello" villain
30 "__ Miniver" ('42 film)
31 Racer Luyendyk
32 Presque __, ME
33 Where to spend a krona
37 It's on the bee's knees
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45 __ Raton, FL
46 Malice
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58 From __ Z
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10 Round Table title
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12 Out of sorts
13 "American __" ('72 hit)
14 Eddy
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18 Genuine
20 Telescope view
25 Keatsian crock
26 Strauss specialty
29 Something of value
32 Author Dinesen
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36 Actress Moore
37 "Treasure Island" extra
38 "I'm working __"
39 Eban of Israel
40 Canvas contest
41 Henchman
43 Burly Burl
44 Bolger/Haley co-star
48 Decorative
49 Sib's kid
50 Pays to play
52 Violinist Zimbalist
53 RN's specialty
54 "I Am . . . I __" ('71 song)
55 Trigger Trigger
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66 Security grp.
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87 Rock's __
88 Express Ridge
90 Publisher Conde
91 Idyllic area
92 Actor Enriquez
93 Surrealist Tanguy
94 Tibia
96 Measure
100 Up for __ (available)
101 Dachshund-like
102 "The Magic Flute" heroine
103 Examine
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105 Florida resort
106 Gibbon or gorilla
108 Isinglass
110 Glinka's "A Life for the __"
111 See 85 Down
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PAILS IN COMPARISON

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MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

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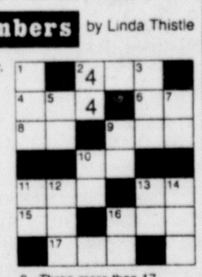
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

African, Air foil, Cairo, Canal, Carol, Carolina, Cranial, Falcon, Flora, Franco, Frolic, Ironical, Lair, Loan, Oilcan

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
2. Two more than 14-Down
4. Consecutive digits in descending order
6. Two less than 10-Across
8. Two less than 16-Down
9. One-half of 11-Across
10. 8-Across minus 9-Down
11. Seven more than 12-Down
13. The last digit is four times the first digit
15. Seven times 9-Down
16. 4-Across plus 12-Down
17. Four hundred less than 1-Down

DOWN
1. Digits of 16-Across reversed
2. One-half of 16-Down
3. Three more than 17-Across
5. Four times 13-Across
7. Three less than 9-Down
9. The last digit is three timesthe first digit
10. 13-Across plus 5-Down
11. 9-Down plus 13-Down
12. Three times 6-Across
13. 8-Across minus 10-Down
14. One hundred more than 3-Down
16. Three less than 15-Across

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Jeepers Creepers 2"

Running time: 100 minutes
MPAA rating: R

It's that time of year when Hollywood releases all its B movies: the horror flicks and cheesy action pictures that weren't good enough to merit a release date during the summer. "Jeepers Creepers 2" is a perfect example of what I'm talking about. It's a horror movie that is good enough to justify release, but falls dismally short of being good enough for a major summertime slot.

The plot is simple enough: Every 23rd spring, The Creeper awakens to feed for 23 days. The Creeper is a mean, half-man (and I'm guessing) half-pterodactyl, because his thing is to swoop down and snatch up his victims. (Shouldn't he have been called The Swooper, then?) The Creeper chooses his victims based on the body parts he needs for replacements and, I suppose, for their recommended FDA allowance of vitamins and nutrients.

The movie takes place on Day 22. The victims are a school bus filled with a high-school football team and cheerleader squad, a group of dim-witted, whiny teenagers, which leads me to believe that if the Creeper is looking for any replacement brains, he's gonna come up waaaaay short.

Ray "Twin Peaks" Wise is in the film, playing a farmer named Jack whose young son was once a victim of The Creeper. To get his revenge, he jerry-rigs a truck with some kind of harpoon thingy mounted on it. Very cool.



The Creeper

The film fails to generate any suspense. We've seen so many of these over the years that it's pretty hard to fake out the audience, so what director/writer Victor Salva does is, well, not try. The pacing is pretty sloppy, the acting is horrible and some of the special effects ... aren't.

"Jeepers Creepers 2" could've been a far better film if Salva had taken a little more time to at least TRY to make a good movie. Instead, what he delivers is another mediocre teen-slasher.

Grade: C-

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PORTS OF CALL
by Bethany Murray

Diwali Is Hindu Festival of Lights

On Dusshera, Lord Rama, who was exiled from his home of Ayodhya, destroyed Ravana, the king of demons. It took 20 days for Rama to make the journey back home again. When he arrived, there was great celebration, and he was made king.

Diwali is the Hindu festival that commemorates Lord Rama's victory over darkness and return home. At least, that's one legend behind it. It varies depending on where you go in India (and many places around the world) and who is celebrating it.

But everywhere, Diwali is a festival of lights, falling this year on Oct. 25. It celebrates truth and light, the conquest of the light of knowledge over ignorance. No matter where you are in India, at night you will see the light of thousands of diyas — clay oil lamps — or their more modern substitutes lining verandas, outdoor walls, windows, etc.

Generally, Diwali is devoted to the victory of good over evil and the reverence and worship of certain gods or goddesses, giving thanks for prosperity, health, wealth, peace and knowledge, and prayer for their continuation. Sweets are exchanged, loved ones gather for feasts, firecrackers and fireworks light up the night skies, and gambling predicts luck in the coming year. In the south, a bath might be taken with oil before sunrise. In many cases the religious aspect of Diwali has faded, while an emphasis on gift-giving, entertainment and merry-making has risen. But it is a time of celebration, life-affirmation and warm exchanges regardless, for all people — young, old, rich, poor, male and female.

In many areas, like Gujarat, houses and businesses are renovated and redecorated to welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity. Diyas are lighted and kept burning all night long so she can find her way and to keep the shadows of evil spirits at bay. Devotional songs are sung, and sweets are offered to the goddess.

In Bengal and other eastern states, Diwali is devoted to Kali/Durga, goddess of strength, the manifestation of the all-powerful female force; in other places, Yama, god of death, is honored. All around, Lord Ganesha, the god of good beginnings, remover of obstacles and a symbol of auspiciousness and wisdom, is worshipped. Some areas even celebrate Diwali for five days.

Haridwar and Jaipur were recommended to me as good places to enjoy the celebration. But wherever you are in the world, look for Diwali: Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Australia — even Kenya or South America.

And remember to check with the State Department for any travel advisories or warnings when planning a trip abroad: http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html#i.

For more information, go to http://www.indianvisit.com/ivnew/fairsandfestivals/festivalsofindia/diwali.htm; http://www.diwalimela.com/celebrations/index.html.

Send comments, ideas or tips to portsofcall2001@aol.com, or send letters c/o KFWS, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. Richard Belzer ("Law and Order: Special Victims Unit") seems to think there are untold facts behind Princess Diana's death and other events. How trustworthy is his knowledge? — *Nathan (no last initial)*

A. Belzer, who also hosts Sci Fi Channel's "The Belzer Connection," was once described as someone who believes that behind almost every news story is the "true" story that some force (e.g., the government, mega-corporations, religious groups, etc.) doesn't want revealed. However, let's give Belzer credit for being more than an implied "conspiracy nut." He has never accepted that they absolutely exist. Rather, he's assumed the challenge of investigating these purported hidden stories. I'm not aware that he's ever found anything more substantial than a continuing run of speculation in his investigations, but he doesn't give up.



Richard Belzer

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Q. I just saw the movie "The Fly" with Jeff Goldblum on TV. I also saw the original with Vincent Price. Now I hear there'll be another version. Why do they think the public will want to see a third "Fly"? — *Jane W.*

A. The buzz is that Todd Lincoln, who is producing the new "Fly" flick for Fox Searchlight, says while inspired by the first two, his may show us a Fly that actually flies.

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Q. Will we see more "Star Trek" or "Star Trek: The Next Generation" movies? — Al C.

A. Another "Star Trek" franchise film is unlikely at this time, apparently because of disappointing box office numbers for the last flicks.

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To Stan R: Thanks for your kind comments. I enjoyed researching the Leslie Nielsen/"Swamp Fox" question for you.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT "G"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Sacramento City Council on September 3, 2003, adopted its Resolution No. 03-35, in which it declared its intention to establish a community facilities district, to establish an appropriations limit for such district, and to levy a special tax to pay for certain services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code and Chapter 3.32 of the City Municipal Code. The resolution describes the boundaries of the proposed district, the services proposed to be financed, and the rate, method of apportionment, and manner of collection of the proposed special tax. The City proposes to tax all interests in property that may be taxed under the Act. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council has fixed Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of the district. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the district, the extent of the district, or the furnishing of the specified services will be heard.

If (i) 50% or more of the registered voters or six registered voters (whichever is more) residing within the district or (ii) the owners of one-half or more of the area of the land within the district that is not exempt from the special tax file written protests against the establishment of the district, and the protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, the creation of the district and the tax levy shall not be considered for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the City Council after the hearing. If the majority of the registered voters or the landowners protests only against a specific type of service or a specified tax, then that type of service or tax shall be precluded.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council determines to establish the district, the City Council will order an election to be held by the qualified electors of the district by mailed ballot, with each such elector having one vote for each acre or portion of an acre owned by the elector, on the questions of levying the special tax and establishing an appropriations limit.

DATED: September 19, 2003
Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT "J"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Sacramento City Council on September 3, 2003, adopted its Resolution No. 03-34, in which it declared its intention to establish a community facilities district, to establish an appropriations limit for such district, and to levy a special tax to pay for certain services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code and Chapter 3.32 of the City Municipal Code. The resolution describes the boundaries of the proposed district, the services proposed to be financed, and the rate, method of apportionment, and manner of collection of the proposed special tax. The City proposes to tax all interests in property that may be taxed under the Act. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California.

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DATED: September 19, 2003
Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 03-6
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 17 (PARELLA)

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2003, this Council adopted its Resolution No. 03-37 (the "Resolution of Intention to Establish the District") stating its intention to form Community Facilities District No. 17 (Parella) of the City of West Sacramento (the "District") pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 (commencing with Section 53311) of the California Government Code, commonly known as the "Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982" (the "Act");

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2003, this Council also adopted its Resolution No. 03-38 (the "Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness") stating its intention to incur bonded indebtedness, in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000, within the District for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the costs of certain public facilities specified in the Resolution of Intention to Establish the District (the "Facilities");

WHEREAS, notice was published as required by law relative to the intention of this Council to form the proposed District and to incur the bonded indebtedness;

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2003, this Council held the noticed public hearings as required by law (1) to determine whether it should proceed with the establishment of the District and authorize, subject to a vote of the qualified electors, the levy of a special tax to be levied within the District sufficient to pay debt service on bonds to be issued to finance the Facilities, in whole or in part, to pay for the Facilities, and to pay any authorized costs and expenses related thereto, all as described in the Resolution of Intention to Establish the District; and (2) on the proposal to incur the bonded indebtedness, subject to a vote of the qualified electors, as described in the Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness;

WHEREAS, at the hearings all persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the District, the levy of the special tax, the proposed issuance of the bonded indebtedness, and all other matters set forth in the Resolution of Intention to Establish the District and the Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness, were heard and considered and full and fair hearings were held thereon;

WHEREAS, following the hearings, this Council did, on June 18, 2003, adopt its Resolution No. 03-45 (the "Resolution of Formation") which established the District, determined the validity of prior proceedings relative to the formation of the District and authorized the levy of a special tax within the District, called an election for July 9, 2003, on the propositions of levying the special tax and establishing an appropriations limit within the District, and ordered the election consolidated with the election at which the proposition of incurring the bonded indebtedness is submitted to the qualified electors within the District;

WHEREAS, following the hearings, this Council did, on June 18, 2003, also adopt its Resolution No. 03-46 (the "Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness") which determined the necessity of incurring the bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 and called an election within the District for July 9, 2003, on the proposition of incurring the bonded indebtedness;

WHEREAS, in the Resolution of Formation, this Council ordered the establishment of the District, but approved the boundaries thereof conditioned upon the rezoning of certain parcels included within the District, being Assessor's Parcel Nos. 045-170-021 and 045-260-005; and that, in the event the rezoning of the parcels was not approved by this Council by the date therein set forth, these parcels were ordered removed from the District;

WHEREAS, the rezoning of such parcels was not approved by this Council by the prescribed date, and an amended boundary map of the District, reflecting the removal of the parcels from the District, has been recorded with the County Recorder.

WHEREAS, to allow more time to consider the rezoning matter, this Council, by its Resolution No. 03-68, adopted on July 2, 2003, and its Resolution No. 03-85, adopted on August 20, 2003, rescheduled the consolidated election to September 10, 2003;

WHEREAS, this Council did, by its Resolution No. 03-88, adopted on September 10, 2003, order that the special tax, as approved by the Resolution of Formation, be revised in order that it not be levied on the parcels ordered removed from the District and that the form of the ballot to be used for the consolidated election, as approved by the Resolution to Incur Indebtedness, be revised consistent with the removal of such parcels from the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2003, in accordance with the Resolution of Formation and the Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness, a consolidated election was held within the District at which the qualified electors approved by more than a two-thirds vote the propositions of levying the special tax, establishing the appropriations limit, and incurring the bonded indebtedness;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Sacramento **DOES ORDAIN,** as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and this Council so finds and determines.

2. By the passage of this Ordinance, this Council authorizes and levies a special tax within the District pursuant to Sections 53328 and 53340 of the Act, at the rate and in accordance with the method of apportionment set forth in EXHIBIT A hereto (the "Rate and Method of Apportionment"). The special tax is levied commencing in fiscal year 2003-2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter until the earlier of (a) the date at which the tax is no longer needed for the purposes described in the Resolution of Formation and the Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness, or (b) the fiscal year ending June 30, 2038.

3. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine the special tax to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each parcel of real property within the District, in the manner and as provided in the Rate and Method of Apportionment.

4. Properties or entities of the State, federal or local governments are exempt from the levy of the special tax to the extent set forth in the Rate and Method of Apportionment. In no event shall the special tax be levied on any parcel within the District in excess of the maximum tax specified in the Rate and Method of Apportionment.

5. All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided for in the Act and the Resolution of Formation.

6. The special tax shall be collected on the secured real property tax roll in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* taxes are collected. The special tax shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for *ad valorem* taxes. In addition, the provisions of Section 53356.1 of the Act shall apply to delinquent special tax payments. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the Treasurer-Tax Collector of Yolo County and to otherwise take all actions necessary in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax, so that the special tax is levied and collected in sufficient amounts and at times necessary to satisfy the financial obligations of the District in each fiscal year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Director of Finance may collect one or more installments of the special tax by means of direct billing of the property owners within the District if, in his judgment, such means of collection will reduce the burden of administering the District or is otherwise appropriate in the circumstances. In such event, the special tax will become delinquent if not paid when due as set forth in any such billing to the property owners.

7. If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or the special tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the District, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special tax to the remaining parcels within the District shall not be affected.

8. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption and, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, the City Clerk shall cause it to be published at least once, with the names of those Council members voting for and against this Ordinance, in a paper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of West Sacramento.

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento held on September 10, 2003.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento held on September 17, 2003, by the following vote:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
Christopher L. Cabaldon, Mayor
ATTEST:
Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Robert E. Murphy, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
Community Facilities District No. 17
(Parella)
City of West Sacramento, California
RATE, METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT, AND MANNER OF COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TAX

Basis of Special Tax Levy
A Special Tax authorized under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (the "Act") applicable to the land in Community Facilities District No. 17 (the "CFD") of the City of West Sacramento (the "City") shall be levied and collected according to the tax liability determined by the City through the application of the appropriate amount or rate, as described below.

Definitions
"**Act**" means the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, Sections 53311 and following of the California Government Code.

"**Administrative Expenses**" means the following actual or reasonably estimated costs directly related to the administration of the CFD: the costs of computing Special Taxes and preparing the annual Special Tax collection schedules (whether by the City or designee thereof or both); the costs of collecting the Special Taxes (whether by the County, the City, or otherwise); the costs of remitting the Special Taxes to the Trustee; the costs of the Trustee (including its legal counsel) in the discharge of the duties required of it under the Bond Indenture; the costs to the City, CFD or any designee thereof of complying with arbitrage rebate requirements; the costs to the City, CFD or any designee thereof of complying with City, CFD or obliged persons disclosure requirements associated with preparing Special Tax disclosure statements and responding to public inquiries regarding the Special Taxes; the costs of the City, CFD or designee thereof related to the appeal of the Special Tax; and the cost associated with the release of funds from an escrow account, if any. Administrative Expenses shall also include amounts estimated or advanced by the City or CFD for any other administrative purposes, including attorney's fees and other costs related to commencing and pursuing to completion any foreclosure of delinquent Special Taxes.

"**Administrator**" means the City Finance Director or his or her designee.

"**Annual Costs**" means, for any Fiscal Year, the total of the following:
i) Debt Service to be paid from Special Taxes collected during such Fiscal Year;
ii) Administrative Expenses for such Fiscal Year;
iii) The amount needed to replenish the reserve fund for the Bonds to the level required under the Bond Indenture;
iv) An amount equal to the amount of delinquencies in payments of Special Taxes levied in the previous Fiscal Year and/or anticipated for the current Fiscal Year; and,
v) Pay-as-you-go expenditures for Authorized Facilities; and vi) Less any earnings on the reserve fund and special tax fund that are transferred to the bond redemption fund pursuant to the Bond Indenture.

"**Authorized Facilities**" means those facilities authorized to be funded by the CFD, as identified in the resolution forming the CFD.

"**Base Year**" means the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2003 and ending on June 30, 2004.

"**Benefit Share**" means the Maximum Annual Special Tax for a Taxable Parcel divided by the Maximum CFD Revenue.

"**Bond(s)**" means bond(s) issued by the City under the Act for the CFD.

"**Bond Authorization**" means the maximum amount of bonds that the CFD is authorized to issue pursuant to the Bond Indenture.

"**Bond Indenture**" means the indenture or other financing document pursuant to which the bonds are issued.

"**Bond Share**" means the share of bonds assigned to a Parcel as specified in Section 7 hereof.

"**CFD**" means the Community Facilities District No. 17 (Parella) of the City.

"**City**" means the City of West Sacramento, California.

"**Council**" means the City Council of West Sacramento acting for the CFD under the Act.

"**County**" means the County of Yolo, California.

"**County Assessor's Parcel**" means a lot or Parcel with an assigned Assessor's Parcel Number in the maps used by the County Assessor in the preparation of the tax roll.

"**Debt Service**" means the total amount of principal, interest, and the scheduled sinking fund payments to pay Bond principal and interest.

"**Developed Parcel**" means a Parcel in one of the following land use categories that has received from the City the applicable development approval for that land use category as follows:
Land Use/Development Approval:
Single-family Residential Parcel: Final Subdivision Map
Multi-family Residential Parcel: Building Permit
Other Land Uses: Building Permit

"**Final Subdivision Map**" means a recorded map designating individual Single-family Residential Parcels.

"**Fiscal Year**" means the period starting July 1 and ending the following June 30.

"**Full Prepayment**" means the fulfillment of a Parcel's complete Special Tax obligation, as determined by following the procedures in **Section 7**.

"**Maximum CFD Revenue**" means the sum of the Maximum Annual Special Tax for all of the Taxable Parcels in the CFD for a Fiscal Year.

"**Maximum Annual Special Tax**" means the greatest amount of Special Tax that can be levied against a Taxable Parcel in a Fiscal Year as shown in **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2**.

"**Multi-family Residential Parcel**" means a Taxable Parcel with a building permit for multi-family residential use.

"**Net Acre(age)**" means the acreage of a Parcel as shown on the final map or parcel map excluding the right-of-way dedicated and accepted by a public agency for streets, roads, landscaping, and other public purposes.

"**Original Parcel**" means a Parcel as identified by Assessor's Parcel Number on **Attachment 1**.

"**Other Land Uses**" means all taxable Developed Parcels with land uses other than single-family residential or multi-family residential. Although the CFD is intended to include only single-family residential development, rezoning may allow other uses. Retail, office, mixed-use, and industrial property would be taxable as Other Land Uses.

"**Outstanding Bonds**" means the total principal amount of Bonds that have been issued and not retired or defeased.

"**Parcel**" means any County Assessor's Parcel in the CFD based on the equalized tax rolls of the County as of January 1 preceding the Fiscal Year.

"**Partial Prepayment**" means a prepayment of a portion of a Parcel's Special Tax obligation, as set forth in Section 7.

"**Partial Prepayment Factor**" means a factor by which the Maximum Annual Special Tax for a Partial Prepayment Parcel is multiplied to calculate an adjusted Maximum Annual Special Tax for such a Parcel. Each Partial Prepayment Factor shall be calculated according to the steps described under **Section 7** hereof.

"**Prepayment**" means the partial or complete fulfillment of a Parcel's Special Tax obligation, as determined by following the procedures in Section 7.

"**Public Parcel**" means any Parcel that is or is intended to be publicly owned, as designated in the vesting tentative map, that is normally exempt from the levy of general *ad valorem* property taxes under California law, including public streets, schools, parks, public drainageways, public landscaping, wetlands, greenbelts, and public open space.

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"**Reserve Fund Requirement**" means the amount required to be held in the bond reserve fund created under the Bond Indenture.

"**Reserve Fund Share**" means the lesser of: (i) Reserve Fund Requirement or (ii) the reserve fund balance at the time of such calculation, multiplied by the Benefit Share for a given Parcel.

"**Single-family Residential Parcel**" means a single-family residential lot created by the recordation of a Final Subdivision Map.

"**Special Tax(es)**" mean(s) the special tax levied under the Act in the CFD.

"**Subdivision**" means a division of a Parcel into two or more Successor Parcels through the Subdivision Map Act process.

"**Successor Parcel**" means a Parcel created by Subdivision, lot line adjustment, or parcel map from an Original or Successor Parcel.

"**Tax Collection Schedule**" means the document prepared by the City for the County Auditor to use in levying and collecting the Special Tax each Fiscal Year.

"**Tax Escalation Factor**" means a factor of two percent (2%) that will be applied annually for the first fourteen (14) Fiscal Years after the Base Year or until the first series of Bonds is issued, whichever comes first, to increase the Maximum Annual Special Tax. In any case, after Fiscal Year 2017-2018 the Maximum Annual Special Tax shall cease to escalate.

"**Taxable Parcel**" means any Parcel that is not a Tax-Exempt Parcel.

"**Tax-Exempt Parcel**" means a Parcel not subject to the Special Tax. Tax-Exempt Parcels include: (i) Public Parcels and (ii) any Parcel for which the Special Tax has been fully prepaid under Section 7 hereof. Certain privately owned Parcels may also be exempt from the levy of Special Taxes including common areas owned by homeowner's associations or property owner associations, wetlands, detention basins, water quality ponds, and open space.

"**Undeveloped Parcel**" means a Taxable Parcel that is not a Developed Parcel.

"**Unit(s)**" means the number of taxable developed residential unit(s) assigned to a Parcel by the Administrator.

1. Determination of Parcels Subject to Special Tax
The City shall prepare a list of the Taxable Parcels subject to the Special Tax. The City shall identify the Taxable Parcels from a list of all Parcels within the CFD boundary by excluding all Tax-Exempt Parcels.

2. Termination of the Special Tax
The Special Tax will be levied and collected for as long as it is needed to pay the principal and interest on debt and other costs incurred in order to construct the Authorized Facilities and to pay the Annual Costs. However, in no event shall the Special Tax be levied on any Parcel in the CFD after Fiscal Year 2037-2038.
When all Annual Costs incurred by the CFD have been paid, the Special Tax shall cease to be levied. The City shall direct the County Recorder to record a Notice of Cessation of Special Tax. Such notice will state that the obligation to pay the Special Tax has ceased and that the lien imposed by the Notice of Special Tax Lien is extinguished. The Notice of Cessation of Special Tax shall additionally identify the book and page of the Book of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts where the map of the boundaries of the CFD is recorded.

3. Assignment of Maximum Annual Special Tax
A. Classification of Parcels. Each Fiscal Year, using the Definitions above, the Parcel records of the County Assessor's Secured Tax Roll as of January 1, and other City development approval records as of June 1, the City shall cause:
° Each Parcel to be classified as a Tax-Exempt Parcel or Taxable Parcel,
° Each Taxable Parcel to be classified as an Original Parcel, a Successor Parcel, or a Partial Prepayment Parcel; and,
° Each Successor Parcel is to be further classified as a Developed Parcel or an Undeveloped Parcel.

B. Partial Prepayment Parcel. The Maximum Annual Special Tax for a Partial Prepayment Parcel is assigned by multiplying the Maximum Annual Special Tax from Attachment 2, or as otherwise calculated for a Developed Parcel, by the Partial Prepayment Factor for the Parcel.

C. Assignment of Maximum Annual Special Tax to Original Parcels. The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each Original Parcel is shown on Attachment 1. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is increased by the Tax Escalation Factor in each Fiscal Year after the Base Year.

D. Assignment of Maximum Annual Special Tax to Successor Parcels. The Maximum Annual Special Tax shall be assigned to Successor Parcels in the following manner:
° **Developed Parcel** – The Maximum Annual Special Tax is assigned to Developed Parcels using Attachment 2 and as increased by the Tax Escalation Factor in each Fiscal Year after the Base Year, subject to the limitations of the Tax Escalation Factor.
° **Single-family Residential**. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is equal to the amount per Unit shown in Attachment 2 for a given Fiscal Year.
° **Multi-family Residential**. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is calculated by multiplying the number of assigned Units to the Parcel times the amount per Unit shown in Attachment 2 for a given Fiscal Year.
° **Adjustments to the Maximum Annual Special Tax For Developed Parcels:** Each time a Successor Parcel is subdivided, the Administrator will assign the Units to each of the newly created Taxable Parcels. If there is an overall reduction in assigned Units from the previous Successor Parcel, the City shall: (i) calculate the loss in Maximum CFD Revenue by multiplying the number of reduced Units by the Maximum Annual Special Tax per Unit from Attachment 2; and (ii) require the Prepayment of this difference pursuant to Section 7. Prepayment shall be made prior to, or concurrent with, recordation of the Final Subdivision Map creating the new Successor Parcels.
Such Prepayment may be avoided to the extent that the City determines that the Maximum CFD Revenue, allowing for the loss of such Units, is expected to be sufficient to meet Annual Costs without the levy of a Special Tax on such Units.
° **Undeveloped Parcel** – The Maximum Annual Special Tax is assigned using Attachment 2, as increased by the Tax Escalation Factor in each Fiscal Year after the Base Year, subject to the limitations of the Tax Escalation Factor.
a. Single-family Residential. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is equal to the amount per Single-family Unit shown in Attachment 2 for a given Fiscal Year times the number of Single-family Units assigned to the Parcel.
b. Multi-family. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is equal to the amount per multi-family Unit shown in Attachment 2 for a given Fiscal Year times the number of multi-family Units assigned to the Parcel.
c. Other Land Uses. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is calculated by multiplying the Net Acreage of the Parcel times the amount per Net Acre shown in Attachment 2 for a given Fiscal Year.

E. Conversion of a Tax-Exempt Parcel to a Taxable Parcel. If a Tax-Exempt Parcel is converted to a Taxable Parcel, it shall become subject to the Special Tax. The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each such Parcel shall be based on the number of Units assigned to such Parcel, or a Maximum Annual Special Tax per Net Acre for Other Land Uses, as shown in Attachment 2 for a given Fiscal Year.

F. Taxable Parcel Acquired by a Public Agency. A Taxable Parcel that is acquired by a public agency after the CFD is formed will remain subject to the applicable Special Tax unless the Special Tax obligation is satisfied pursuant to Section 53317.5 of the Government Code. An exception to this may be made if a Public Parcel, such as a school site, is relocated to a Taxable Parcel, in which case the previously Tax-Exempt Parcel of comparable acreage becomes a Taxable Parcel and the Maximum Annual Special Tax from the previously Taxable Parcel is transferred to the new Taxable Parcel. This trading of a Parcel from a Taxable Parcel to a Public Parcel will be permitted to the extent there is no net loss in Maximum CFD Revenue.

Setting the Annual Special Tax Rate for Taxable Parcels
The City shall calculate the Special Tax levy for each Taxable Parcel for each Fiscal Year as follows:
A. Compute the Annual Costs using the definition of Annual Costs in **Section 2**.
B. Calculate the Special Tax levy for each Taxable Parcel by the following steps:
Step 1: Compute 100% of the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue for all Developed Parcels.
Step 2: Compare the Annual Costs with the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue calculated in the previous step.
Step 3: If the Annual Costs are less than the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue, decrease proportionately the Special Tax levy for each Developed Parcel until the revenue from the Special Tax levy equals the Annual Costs.
Step 4: If the Annual Costs are greater than the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue from Developed Parcels, levy a Special Tax proportionately on each Undeveloped Parcel to an amount equal to the amount of Annual Costs or until 100% of the Maximum Annual Special Tax is reached for such Undeveloped Parcels.
C. Levy on each Taxable Parcel the amount calculated above.
D. Prepare the Tax Collection Schedule and, unless an alternative method of collection has been selected pursuant to Section 9, send it to the County Auditor requesting that it be placed on the general, secured property tax roll for the Fiscal Year. The Tax Collection Schedule shall not be sent later than the date required by the Auditor for such inclusion.
The City shall make every effort to correctly calculate the Special Tax for each Parcel. It shall be the burden of the taxpayer to advise the City of any alleged errors in the determination of the Parcels subject to the tax and the assignment of the Special Tax to the Parcels.
As development and subdivision of CFD land uses take place, the City will maintain a file of each current County Assessor's Parcel Number within the CFD, its Maximum Annual Special Tax, and the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenues for all Parcels within the CFD available for public inspection. This record shall show the calculation of the assigned Maximum Annual Special Tax to each Original and Successor Parcel and a brief description of the process of assigning the Special Tax each time a Successor Parcel was created.

Prepayment of Special Tax Obligation
A property owner may permanently satisfy the Special Tax obligation on a Parcel by Prepayment of the Special Tax as permitted under Government Code Section 53344. Prepayment is permitted only under the following conditions:
The prepayment is based on the prepayment for a Developed Parcel--even if the prepaying Parcel is an Original or Undeveloped Parcel at the time of prepayment.
The City determines that the prepayment of the Special Tax obligation does not jeopardize its ability to make timely payments of Debt Service on outstanding bonds.
Any landowner prepaying the Special Tax obligation on a Parcel must pay any delinquent Special Tax and penalties on that Parcel prior to Prepayment
The Full Prepayment amount shall be established by following the steps in Part A.

PART A: FULL PREPAYMENT
Step A.1: Determine the Maximum Annual Special Tax for the Parcel for which the Special Tax is to be fully prepaid by following the procedures in Section 5. If the Parcel is not a Developed Parcel, the determination of the Maximum Annual Special Tax shall assume that the Parcel is a Developed Parcel.
Step A.2: Divide the Maximum Annual Special Tax from Step A.1 by the Maximum CFD Revenue to arrive at the Benefit Share.
Step A.3: Determine the Bond Share for the Parcel by multiplying the Benefit Share from Step A.2 by the amount of the Outstanding Bonds. For the purpose of calculating the Bond Share, Bonds to be retired from Special Taxes that have been levied but not collected shall not be considered Outstanding Bonds.
Step A.4: Determine the Reserve Fund Share associated with the Bond Share calculated in Step A.3 and reduce the Bond Share by the amount of the Reserve Fund Share.
Step A.5: Add to the amount calculated in Step A.4 any fees, call premiums, and expenses incurred by the City in connection with the prepayment calculation or the application of the proceeds of the prepayment to the call of bonds. The sum of this calculation is the Full Prepayment requirement for a Parcel.

PART B: PARTIAL PREPAYMENT
If the Prepayment is a Partial Prepayment, then the property owner shall designate an amount which is less than the Full Prepayment amount determined above for the Parcel for which the Special Tax is to be partially prepaid (or group of such Parcels) but which, based upon a calculation provided by the Administrator, will provide sufficient funds for a bond call in a whole number multiple of $5,000. The Administrator shall determine the Partial Prepayment Factor by the following procedure:
Step B.1: Calculate the Bond Share amount from Part A. above.
Step B.2: Subtract the amount of the proposed Partial Prepayment from the Full Prepayment Bond Share amount calculated in Part A.3 above;
Step B.3: Subtract any fixed costs (such as the cost of the Prepayment calculation and other fees which do not vary proportionally with the size of the Prepayment) of the Partial Prepayment from the Full Prepayment amount;
Step B.4: Divide the result of Step B.2 by the result of Step B.3 to arrive at the Partial Prepayment Factor. The Partial Prepayment Factor is used in decreasing the Maximum Annual Special Tax for the Parcel for which the Special Tax is partially prepaid.
Step B.5: If a Partial Prepayment has previously been made for this Parcel, multiply the result of Step B.4 times the previously calculated Partial Prepayment Factor.

PART C: TRANSFERS
Make the appropriate transfers from the reserve fund to the prepayment fund established under the Bond Indenture, as follows:
Step C.1: For a Full Prepayment, transfer the amount of the Reserve Fund Share.
Step C.2: For a Partial Prepayment, transfer an amount equal to the Reserve Fund Share times the Partial Prepayment Factor.

Appeals
Any taxpayer who feels that the amount of the Special Tax assigned to a Parcel is in error may file a notice with the Administrator appealing the levy of the Special Tax. The Administrator will then promptly review the appeal, and if necessary, meet with the applicant. If the Administrator verifies that the tax should be modified or changed, a recommendation at that time will be made to the Council and, as appropriate, the Special Tax levy as to that Parcel shall be corrected and, if applicable in any case, a refund shall be granted.
Interpretations may be made by Resolution of the Council for purposes of clarifying any vagueness or ambiguity as it relates to the Special Tax rate, the method of apportionment, the classification of properties or any defini-

tion applicable to the CFD.

Manner of Collection

The Special Tax will be collected in the same manner and at the same time as *ad valorem* property taxes; provided, however, that the City or its designee may directly bill the Special Tax and may collect the Special Tax at a different time, such as on a monthly or other periodic basis, or in a different manner, if necessary to meet its financial obligations.

Attachment 1
City of West Sacramento
Community Facilities District No. 17
Maximum Annual Special Tax for Original Parcels - Base Year 2003-2004

Assessor's Parcel Number	Gross Acreage	Estimated Units		Maximum Annual Special Tax [1]		Total Maximum Tax
		Single-Family	Multi-Family	Single-family	Multi-Family	Per Original Parcel
046-010-012	92.32	252	252	$288,792	$123,984	$412,776
046-010-027	10.27	0	0	$0	$0	$0
Total	**102.59**	**252**	**252**	**$288,792**	**$123,984**	**$412,776**

[1] Base Year Special Tax is $1,146 per single-family unit, and $492 per multi-family unit. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is increased by the Tax Escalation Factor in each year following the Base Year, subject to the limitations of the Tax Escalation Factor.

Attachment 2
City of West Sacramento
Community Facilities District No. 17
Maximum Annual Special Tax – Successor Parcels [1]

Fiscal Year Ending June	Maximum Annual Special Tax		
	Developed Parcels		Undeveloped Parcels
	Single-Family	Multi-Family	
	per unit	*per unit*	*per acre*
2004	$1,146	$492	$6,118

[1] Maximum Annual Special Tax will increase 2% annually for 14 years through FY 2017-2018, or until the first series of bonds are issued (whichever is sooner), and will not increase thereafter.

ORDINANCE 03-9
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO ADDING CHAPTER 12.42 TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO A POLICE FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT FEE

The City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Authority

The purpose of this ordinance is to add Chapter 12.42 to the West Sacramento Municipal Code relating to the imposition of Police facilities development impact fees. The City Council enacts this ordinance in accordance with the authority granted to cities by Article XI, Section 7, of the California Constitution.

Section 2. Findings

The City Council of the City of West Sacramento, California (also referred to as the "City") finds and determines as follows:

a. Growth of the City and new construction adversely affect the ability of the West Sacramento Police Department to provide an adequate level of service.

b. As a result, the public safety and welfare is directly impacted and a critical need for new Police facilities and equipment has arisen.

c. To mitigate this condition, this Chapter shall require that new construction within the City of West Sacramento contribute to the cost of providing the new police facilities and equipment for which it creates a need.

d. Government Code Section 66000 and following provides substantive requirements and conditions which must be met before establishing, increasing, or imposing a fee as a condition of approval of a development project.

e. Proposition 218, adding articles XIIIC and XIIID to the California Constitution, provides that developer fees shall not be affected in any way by the Proposition.

Section 3. Addition

Section 12.42.020 of Chapter 12.42 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

"12.42.020 Imposition of Fee.

A. Fee Imposed. A Police Facilities Development Fee shall be imposed as a condition of the issuance of all building permits in the City. The City Council, shall, by resolution, set forth the specific amount of the Police Facilities Development Fee, identify the specific public improvements to be financed thereby, describe the estimated costs of the facilities, describe the reasonable relationship between the fee and the various types of new development, and describe the relationship between the need for the facility and the various types of new development.

B. Date Due. The Police Facilities Development Fee shall be paid by each applicant prior to the issuance of a building permit."

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption, and within 15 days after its passage, shall be published at least once in a paper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of West Sacramento.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento this 17th day of September 2003, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

/S/Christopher L. Cabaldon, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/S/Robert E. Murphy, City Attorney

WEST SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

July 8, 2003

TO: LEIGH KEICHER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
FROM: GARY J. LEONARD, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: IMPACT FEE FOR POLICE FACILITIES

BACKGROUND

The Police Department is currently housed in a 22,000 square foot facility, built and occupied in 1995. The Department is currently authorized 92 full time employees. Additionally, there are approximately fifteen (15) active volunteer employees at any given time. When the facility was completed it was seen as an interim site for the Department, five to ten years was the projected "life" of the facility. Predictably, the Department is rapidly outgrowing the current building. The needs assessment and planning for new police substation facilities, or a larger station must begin if the Department is to maintain current service levels. With this thought in mind, the funding source for additional police facilities and equipment to meet the growing service needs should be established. Current projections are for the City to have approximately 78,000 residents at build out with more than 13,000 new dwellings expected.

This population would require a police department of approximately 165 sworn officers and a civilian staff of 80, for a total deployment of 245 employees. Although we are years away from build out, it is important that we begin the planning for this growth and the predictable implications on the staffing, facility and equipment needs of the Department immediately.

In addition, there will be additional radio communication infrastructure and equipment costs associated with the city's build out at 78,000 residents. The cost projection section of this report includes both radio (portable/mobile) and system infrastructure costs.

FACILITY COST PROJECTION DISCUSSION

In an effort to develop cost and size estimates that were based on sound logic and contemporary information staff consulted with the following individuals and organizations:

Randy Goodwin, City of West Sacramento Building Department

Steve Patek, Community Development Director

Charles Hack, LPA Sacramento *(the architectural firm that built the existing PD faculty as well as the City of Davis and the City of Rocklin police facilities)*

Rod Round, LPA Sacramento

Current fire codes and building philosophy for police facilities yield approximately 250-300 square feet of space (gross) for each occupant of the facility. Using these criteria, the Department will require approximately 65-70,000 square feet of office space to support the employees assigned to the agency at build out. Recently, the City of Davis (late 2001) and the City of Rocklin (2002) completed new police facilities. The average cost per square foot of these facilities was $250.00. Using this figure, a new police facility for the Department would cost approximately 17.50 million dollars. In addition to this cost, the facility would require a site of 4.5 to 5 acres, in today's market an acre of land costs approximately $150,000.

For purposes of this discussion, another calculation would be the cost of the new construction beyond the 22,000 square foot facility we now occupy. This would be an additional 48,000 square feet of space, or approximately 12.0 million dollars. With either methodology the economic impact is significant and requires long term planning to meet. Both of these cost estimates assume we will not have custody or communication center as part of the facility. Both of these functions require special use workspaces and are extremely expensive to build and maintain and would drive these cost estimates up significantly.

RADIO EQUIPMENT AND BACKBONE DISCUSSION

In addition to the facility needs outlined above, the department will need to purchase an additional one hundred and three (103) radios to support the projected increase in sworn personnel. The department will also require an additional thirty (30) radios to support the additional vehicles in the fleet. These costs are estimated at $465,5000. Additional 800 Mghz "backbone" (radio tower sites, microwave, hardware, software, etc.) costs are estimated at $290,800. ***Total radio and backbone costs are estimated at $756,300***. The methodology used to project these costs are based on the current formulas used by the Sacramento Regional Radio System (SRRCS). This formula is based on the total cost of the system divided by the total number of radios each agency has in the system. Cost per radio is based on projected costs when SRRCS migrates to the new digital radio system.

SUMMARY OF ATTACHED TABLES

Data Sheet

This table identifies the current and projected City population and its impact on the staffing and facility needs of the Police Department. Cost per square foot for new construction has been estimated to be $250-$300; we have used the $250 estimate for fee calculation. The Department currently operates in a 22,000 SF facility; this figure has been subtracted from the projected total square foot facility needs of the department at build out to identify the final cost estimate.

Police Facility Impact Fee

This table was created by the Finance Department to identify and valuate the projected new development in Southport at build-out. This graph identifies that there are over 13,000 new residences and over 11,000,000 square feet in non-residential units planned for Southport. Using these figures, and the estimated value of the development, an apportioned facility cost fee was identified.

Police Facility Impact Fee Comparison of Existing and Proposed Fee

This graph identifies the impact of the proposed and alternative proposed fee on the existing total fees for new development. With the proposed police facility fee added, fees would total $25,272 for single family residential development and $19,765 for multi-family residential development. Regional median fees levied for single family and multi-family residential development were identified by the Finance Department in March 2003 as $29,570 and $15,955 respectively for new development of this nature.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council should authorize a police facility and equipment impact fee and establish by resolution a fee sufficient to pay for the facilities and equipment to serve new development in the City.

GARY J. LEONARD
Chief of Police

COST ESTIMATES AT BUILD-OUT ***(see attached data worksheet)***

	COST RANGE	FEE CALCULATION
• Facility:	$9,562,500 - $11,475,000	$10,518,750
• Land:	$675,000 - $750,000	$712,500
• Equipment:	$756,300	$756,300
		$11,987,550

DATA SHEET

CURRENT FACTS

- **CURRENT POPULATION:** 34,495 (01-01-02)
- **CURRENT POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING:** 92 EMPLOYEES
- **DESIRABLE SPACE NEEDS:** (1) 92 X 250 = 23,000; (2) 92 X 300 = 27,600
- **EXISTING SPACE:** 22,000 SF

AT BUILD-OUT PROJECTIONS

- **POPULATION:** 78,000
- **NUMBER OF POLICE EMPLOYEES:** 245
- **DESIREABLE SPACE:** 245 X 250 = 61,250; 300 X 300 = 73,500

COSTS

	LOW	HIGH
DESIREABLE SPACE	61,250	73,500
less current space	23,000	27,600
	38,250	45,900
COST PER SQUARE FOOT	$250	$250
	$9,562,500	$11,475,000

POLICE FACILITY IMPACT FEE
ATTACHMENT TO JULY 8, 2003 MEMO FROM POLICE CHIEF TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Land Use Category	Units or Bldg. S.F.	Avg. Bldg. VALUATION	Total VALUATION	Apportioned Police Facility Cost[1]	Police Facility Fee
Residential Single-Family	9,072 DU	$180,000/DU	$1,632,960,000	$8,033,484	$885/DU
Multifamily	4,433 DU	$90,000/DU	389,970,000	1,918,490	$433/DU
Nonresidential	11,493,524 s.f.	$36/s.f.	413,770,000	2,035,576	$0.177/s.f.[2]
			$2,436,700,000	$11,987,550	

[1] Facility (Mean) $10,518,750; Land 712,500; Equipment 758,300; $11,987,550

[2] Responsibility of Redevelopment Agency

Roadwork continues locally

From the California Department of Transportation

Work continues on a $5.4 million project by Caltrans and the City of West Sacramento to improve the Enterprise Blvd. Interchange by reconstructing three ramps at Enterprise Blvd. and constructing a new westbound onramp. In addition, passing lanes will be added under the existing Enterprise Blvd. overcrossing and a new Park 'N Ride lot will be built near the interchange. The estimated completion date is summer 2003. No traffic interfering work is scheduled.

Also, work continues on an $8.6 million project by Caltrans and the City of West Sacramento to widen Route 84 (Jefferson Blvd.) between Stone and Park Boulevards. Other improvements include new sidewalks, curbs and gutters between Stone and Park Blvd. , wider road shoulders from Linden Road (north) to south of Marshall Road and major intersection improvements at Stone and 15th Streets.

This is the first phase of a project by Caltrans and the City of West Sacramento that will ultimately widen Jefferson Blvd. from south of Marshall road to Park Blvd. Completion is expected in the fall of 2004. No traffic-interfering work is scheduled.

New at the library

From Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

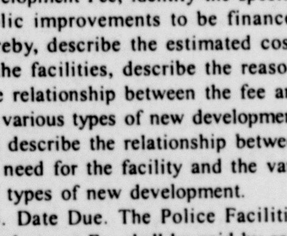
"Middletown, America: One Town's Passage from Trauma to Hope" by Gail Sheehy.

"Life Is Short - Wear Your Party Pants: Ten Simple Truths That Lead to an Amazing Life" by Loretta LaRoche.

"Aqua Fit Water Workouts for Total Fitness: No-Impact Aerobic and Strength Training from Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, and More" by Dr. Jane Katz.

"Spells for Sweet Revenge: Turning Tigers into Pussycats" by Lauren White.

"Sign Me Up!: The Parents' Complete Guide to Sports, Activities, Music Lessons, Dance Classes, and Other Extracurriculars" by Stacy M. DeBroff.s.



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What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.

—Bob Dylan

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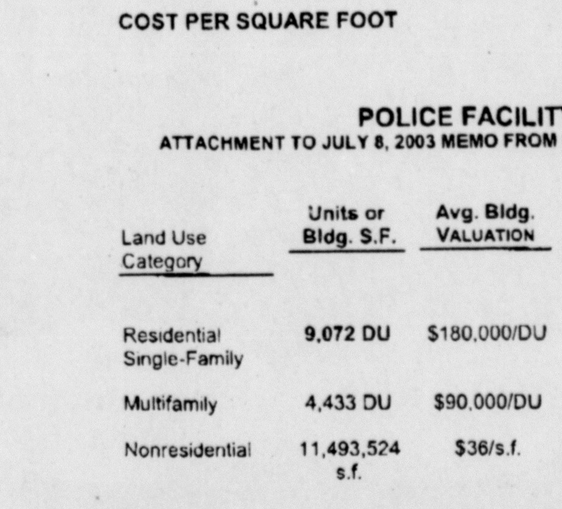
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The strong man meets his crisis with the most practical tools at hand. They may not be the best tools but they are available, which is all-important. He would rather use them, such as they are, than do nothing.

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Local Scene

Try rowing

River City High School students are invited to join the River City Rowing Club, which practices at the Port of Sacramento nearby. The team competes against other high schools in the fall and spring. New rowers are invited to practice with the team through September with no fees necessary. Interested high school students and eighth graders are invited to call Coach Tiffany Knapp at 446-1963, or visit www.rivercityrowing.com for more information.

Book sale

The final book sale of the year by the East Yolo Friends of the Library will take place Saturday and Sunday Sept. 27-28. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday's hours will be 10-2, at the community room in the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento. Bargains will abound. Donations of clean, gently-used books, magazines and audio/visual materials are accepted at the library year round.

Delta reunion

Delta High School graduates from the Class of 1968, as well as their upper & lower classmates, are invited to a reunion Sat., Oct. 11. Dinner & dancing for $50 per person. Contact Ron Jang at 916-392-5712, or JoAnne (Takeuchi) Ojima, 530-666-2021 for details. Reservations should be made immediately.

'Bunco night'

Holy Cross School will present an evening of gaming, music and an auction at its "Fantastic Bunco Night" on Sat., Oct. 4, from 6-10 p.m., 800 Todhunter Ave. Tickets are available for a $15 donation. Call 371-1313.

Art Guild

The West Sacramento Art Guild will meet at 2 pm. on Sept. 30 at 1510 Merkley Ave., Suite 5, in the studio of Ann Bissitt-Clark. Meetings are open to the public. For information, call 371-3744.

Neighbors Fair

West Sacramento's 'Neighbors Fair' returns Sat., Oct. 4. It will follow the annual Community Day Parade, which will take place 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An art show will be held in the civic center gallery 9 am. to 4 p.m. Oct. 4 and 6, with free admission. The fair itself will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at River Walk Park near the 'ziggurat' building. Music acts will include Elvin Bishop, and various cultural dance troupes and other entertainment are scheduled.

Fire: open house

West Sacramento's fire department invites you to an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 11, at Station 41, 132 15th Street. There will be various fun activities, plus equipment demonstrations, car seat safety inspections, blood pressure checks, kids' fingerprinting, coloring contests and photos with "Sparky" the Dalmation.

Cabaldon fundraiser

A 'Railraiser' fundraiser for mayor/city councilman Christopher Cabaldon is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. Board the train at Bryte Bend (east on Reed Ave. from I-80, left on Harbor). Tickets are $25 per person, with children 12 and under free (two kids per paid adult). Call 375-1132 for information.

'Walk-a-thon'

A 'walk-a-thon' to benefit the Meals on Wheels program, which delivers food to the county's homebound senior citizens, will take place at the County Fair Mall in Woodland from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The goal is for 150 walkers to raise $15,000. For more information, call (530) 662-7035.

Craft fair

Holy Cross Altar Society will hold its second annual craft fair on Sat., Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are a crafter and would like to rent space, call 372-2875 or 371-8358.

Parks open

The city of West Sacramento will celebrate the opening of Bridgeway Island Park this month. A celebration at the park is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 27, from 1-4 p.m. The event is free and includes snacks, arts and crafts for children, games and music. For information, call 617-4620.

College info

The Early Academic Outreach Program at River City High School and Golden State Middle School will host a parent orientation meeting from 6-8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 at Golden State. The program is designed to guide underprivileged students who have the academic ability to attend a four-year college.

RCHS senior parents

Parents of seniors at River City High School are invited to a parent night from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 8, in the school library. Representatives from the community college, UC and CSU systems will speak about their admission requirements.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on Sept. 27 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the county building on Jefferson Blvd.; from 9-9:45 a.m. at the Sam Combs Activity Center; from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Yolo Housing Authority; and from 10-11 a.m. at the Clarksburg Firehouse. Commodities may include trail mix, salmon, grapefruit juice, potatoes, cereal, pears, plums, spaghetti and other items. Please bring a bag. For eligibility information, call (530) 758-6821.

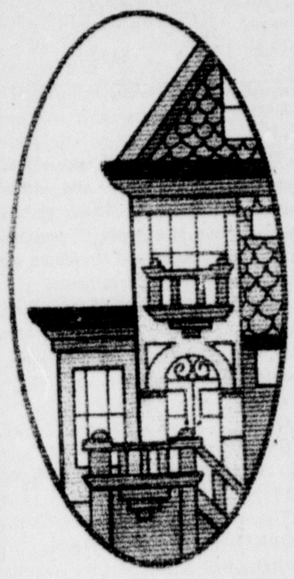
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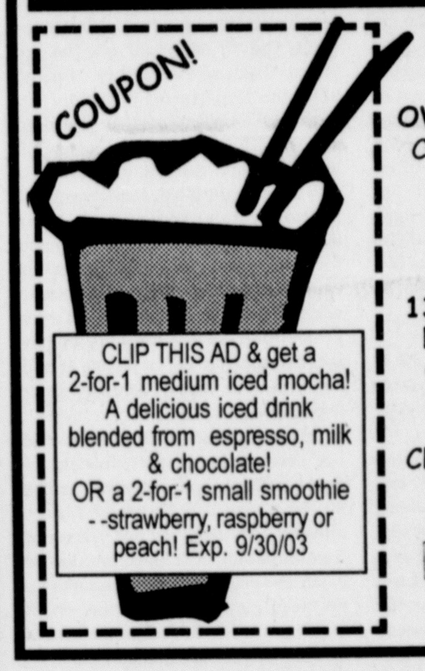
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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. Babe Ruth (1926) and Gene Tenace (1973) each had 11 walks in a World Series.
2. It was during his third major-league season.
3. It was 1997.
4. Todd Day with 2,395 points from 1988 to 1992.
5. True. He had 12 playoff wins in 10 seasons after 1990.
6. Speedskater Bonnie Blair with five gold medals and one bronze medal.
7. John Huston (1998) and Mark Calcavecchia (2001) each recorded 28 under par.

Rational Numbers — answers

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Differences: 1. Bouquet is different. 2. Skirt is black. 3. Stripes on sweater are gone. 4. Window is different. 5. Plant is placed on table. 6. Bush is behind fence.

